The Mapleton Item.

VOL. XV. MAPLETON DEPOT, PA., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1903. NO. 41

LOCAL NOTES.

—Practice writing 1904.

—It was a green Christmas, but next day it snowed.

—The meeting in the U. B. church continues in progress.

—B. O'Connor & Sons have men's and boys' leather boots at cost.

—Try our maple syrup or rock candy drips. B. O'Connor & Sons.

—Guy Hicks spent the early part of this week with friends in Harrisburg.

—Mrs. H. C. Fisher is critically ill with pneumonia at home on Hill street.

—Mrs. George Suitor, of Altoona, was a visitor to Mapeton last Wednesday.

—J. N. Smith, of Braddock, is visiting his parents in Trough Creek valley.

—A bargain in men's, women's and children's underwear at O'Connor's.

—Mrs. F. D. Heeter and daughter, of Tyrone, were Sunday visitors to Mapleton.

—A full line of men's, women's and children's underwear at Wright & Dell's.

—Miss Laura M. Edgein is spending a couple weeks with friends in Mifflin county.

—A. F. Parker and wife, of Kipple, spent Christmas with parents and friends in Mapleton.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Banks, of Altoona, were guests of Mapleton friends during the past week.

—Mrs. Grace Lightner and son Earl, of Huntingdon, are visiting among friends in this vicinity.

--Frank Yetter and family are spending the holidays with parents and faiends in Juniata county.

—Remember we have the largest and finest assortment of groceries in town. B. O'Connor & Sons.

—Fresh stock of cranberries, seedless raisins, currents, prunes, apricots and peaches at O'Connor's.

—Charles Hockenberry, of Scottdale, visited his sister, Mrs. A. W. Taggart, in this place over Sunday.

—Mrs. Rachel Wright and Miss Alice Wright have been on the sick list of our town for several days past.

—George Hohman and wife of Huntingdon, were guests of Mrs. Hohman's parents in Mapleton on Christmas.

—Harry G. Wakefield, a student at Williamson school, arrived home last Thursday evening for a ten-day vacation.

—Officer James G. Spangler and family, and Orb Stroup, of Altoona, came to help "Grandma" Spangler devour the Christmas turkey.

—Mrs. Martha Gregg and son Joseph, of Van Ormer, Cambria county, are visiting Rev. W. F. Gilbert and family at the U. B. parsonage.

—H. A. Chilcote and son, of Ormsby, McKean county, are visiting among friends and former neighbors in Mapleton and Mount Union.

—Tempting bargains are being offered in house furnishing goods at D. E. McClains furniture store, Mount Union, Pa. Call and see them.

—John A. Brumbaugh and family, of Wilkinsburg, R. H. and Jesse Brumbaugh, of Altoona, were among the holiday visitors to Mapleton.

—Owing to the crowded condition of our columns we are obliged to hold over till next week some important news intended for this issue.

—Mrs. Lulu J. Treverton spent last Thursday among her numerous Mapleton friends. She was en route to the old home in Perry county.

—John R. Robley and wife, of Mount Union, and Mrs. Showalter, of Huntingdon, were Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Robley.

—Jacob B. McConahy, of Camden, New Jersey, has been spending the past few days amid the scenes of his younger days in Mapleton. He is looking well.

—Miss Julia Chilcote, a teacher in the public schools of Wilkinsburg, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Chilcote, in Smith valley.

—Fred and Jay Simpson, students at Dickinson college, Carlisle are spending the holiday vacation at the home of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Simpson, at Mill Creek.

—Miss Mary I. Withers, one of Huntingdon's school teachers, resigned her position last Friday and to-morrow will be married in Philadelphia to Clarence Carr, of Altoona.

—The widow and children of the late George Hommon desire to extend their heartfelt thanks to the friends who so kindly assisted them during their recent sad bereavement.

—The members of Sunshine Division, Sons of Temperance, are requested to be present at the regular meeting Friday evening, January 1, 1904, as there is important business to be transacted.

—Mrs. Annie Lucas and sons and Miss Grace McLaughlin, of Harrisburg, Mrs. David Miller and Miss Grace Miller, of Mifflin, were among those from a distance who spent Christmas with Mapleton friends.

—D. E. McClain, the Saltillo hardware and furniture dealer who has a branch store at Monnt Union in charge of George Smawley, is offering some great bargains in furniture. Call and see the bargains they offer.

—John S. Hicks and J. Duane Hicks, of Altoona, were guests at the parental home in Mill Creek Christmas and also called upon friends in Mapleton. Duane departed Friday evening for Philadelphia, returning Sunday.

—We have another car load of feed and oats. Corn and oats chop, $1.25; pure corn chop, $1.45; Quaker dairy feed, $1.25; corn, oats and barley, $1.40. Remember we give you full 100 lbs. to the sack, and not afraid to quote prices. B. O'Connor & Sons.

—A local institute will be held at Latta Grove Friday evening and Saturday, January 1 and 2, 1904. Lack of space prevents us from republishing the program which appeared in our issue of December 9th. Patrons of the school are especially requested to be present.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thayer, of Syracuse, New York, spent the past week in Mapleton as guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. B. O'Connor. They are very pleasant people and appear to enjoy their visit. This morning they departed for New York City.

—On the evening of December 23d, at the home of Mr. A. W. Taggart in Mapleton, Rev. J. H. Ake united in marriage Mr. J. W. Auker, of Millport, Ohio, and Miss Kathryn Sauders, of near Mill Creek, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Auker will go to housekeeping at Millport, Ohio.

—A glass or two of water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver tablets. They are mild and gentel in their action. For sale by J. G. Gillam; James O. Heaton, Cassville.

—While miners, employed by the Pennsylvania Glass Sand company, near Granville, Mifflin county, were drilling a new heading, 600 feet from the surface, they cut into a water pocket containing many hundred gallons of water, which completly flooded the heading. The pocket was located in the heart of a sixty-foot soapstone rock.

—Rev. M. L. Smith, pastor of this Methodist church forty years ago, preached and administered communion Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A few of the folks who were in his congregation when he preached here before were present Sunday and were glad to see him again, for he hasn't been here since.—Vira correspondent to Lewistown *Gazette*.

—Henry S. Musser, ex-county treasurer of Huntingdon county, died at his home in Brady township about nine o'clock Christmas night of cancer of the stomach. The remains were interred at Mill Creek Monday afternoon. Mr. Musser was a good man, a consistent member of the Baptist church and in every walk in life was strictly honest and honorable.

—S. Blair Cramer, assistant freight trainmaster of the middle division, died at his home at Mifflintown at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening, after an illness of two weeks. Deceased was a son of W. D. Cramer, deceased, and was aged about 52 years. He began his railroad career as an operator some thirty-five years ago and was one of the best all around trainmen on the middle division. He leaves a wife and family.

—The literary meeting in the old M. E. church last Saturday evening was fairly well attended. The programme consisted of recitations by Mrs. Manie D. Swope and Miss Edna Dell, a solo by Miss Myrtle Wright, an oration by Charles W. Swope, music by the schools and a discussion of the question "Resolved, That the United States has reached the zenith of her power." The disputants for the affirmative were R. S. Henderson and Dr. J. G. Spangler and for the negative George W. Wright and I. N. Swope. The judges were John A. Brumbaugh, of Wilkinsburg, A. S. Thayer, of Syracuse, New York, and Frank O'Connor. The decision was in favor of the negative.

—To improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. H. Seitz, of Detroit, Mich., says, "They restored my appetite when impaired, relieved me of a bloated feeling and caused a pleasant and satisfactory movement of the bowels." There are people in this community who need just such a medicine. For sale by J. G. Gillam; James O. Heaton, Cassville. Every box warranted.

—John Smith, aged about 25 years, was found in a semi-unconscious condition at the Huntingdon fair grounds last Saturday morning and was removed to a physician's office. He died about noon Saturday. The circumstances being suspicious the coronor summoned a jury and held an inquest. It developed that the young man with others had been somewhat disorderly at a restaurant on Allegheny street Friday night. It was alleged that some one struck him with a blunt instrument, presumable a beer bottle. After being struck he found his way to the fair grounds where he was discovered early Saturday morning. The jury rendered a verdict that the young man's death was caused by a blow from some blunt instrument. Deceased was a son of Rev. M. L. Smith. The remains were interred at Huntingdon yesterday afternoon. We extend sympathy to the grief stricken parents. George Sharrar was lodged in jail, charged with causing Smith's death.

A Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a serve cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to the children for it contains no harmfnl substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by J.G. Gillam; James O Heaton, Cassville.

—On Monday twenty-one residents of Union and Cass townships organized a search over the mountains and ridges between Hare's valley and Hill valley for the remains of Humphrey Chilcote, who disappeared about seven weeks ago. No clue having been received as to his whereabouts, it was feared he had perished on the mountains, hence the search. No trace of him was found and the mystery of his disappearance may never be solved. The friends would be grateful for any clue that would lead to his discovery.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome cause. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorongh effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by B. O'Connor & Sons.

—Herbert M. Henderson, of Mapleton, and Urilla May Skipper, of Union township, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents at 5.30 o'clock last Thursday evening, Rev. W. F. Gilbert being the officiating clergyman. Christmas day a reception was tendered the young couple at the home of Mr. Henderson's parents. A serenade by the band and a speech from "Grandpap" Toomey added interest to the reception. We extend best wishes to the young couple.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Mass., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by B. O'Connor & Sons. Price 50c, and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

Jacob Bumgardner

Wednesday morning, December 23, at two o'clock, Jacob Bumgardner died at his home in Calvin, Trough Creek valley, where he had been confined for some weeks previous with typhoid fever and later on affection of the lungs.

He was born on the farm now owned by Mr. John Bowman, April 3, 1850, where he was partly raised and later in his early life he lived at different places in the valley. His education was limited as he spent the greater part of the time in the woods where he learned to use the axe which later in life was a very useful companion to him. When he had attained the age of eighteen he could hew more ties, peel more bark or chop more saw logs than the greater part of his companions. He had an especial liking for the woods and as long as he worked he never did anything that he liked better than lumbering. While he was yet young he learned the cooper trade and we can find many specimens of his workmanship in our valley to-day.

When the first steam sawmill came into the valley he was one who helped to operate it and he has worked on everyone that has ever been here up to the present time, with about three exceptions. He was considered an excellent sawyer and has been employed by at least thirty different sawmill men. Without doubt he has turned more saw logs than any man who has ever lived in Trough Creek valley.

He leaves a mother, four brothers, four sisters and a wife who would have been a companion for 29 years had Mr. Bumgardner lived one more day.

And while we, his relatives and friends, bow in grateful submission to Him who doeth all things well, we most sorrowfully morn his loss and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved relatives and friends and most especially to his bereaved companion who will most keenly feel the loss of a good husband and provider.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Samuel McClain, of Cassville, who preached an especially interesting sermon from this text, "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live," (St. John 11: 25.) and amidst many tears and much sorrow he was laid to rest in the Baptist cemetery on Christmas day at a quarter past twelve o'clock where the tall pines he used to like to bring to the ground with his axe will keep watch o'er his tomb until the resurrection day shall dawn and then with innumerable hosts he will appear before the judgment bar of Christ. J. C. C.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at B. O'Connor & Sons' store.

Prompt Payers.

The following subscriptions have been received at this office:

George Howard	Dec. 17, '96
Martin Smith	Dec. 19, '04
George W. Smith	Dec. 16, '04
George Hohman	Dec. 16, '04
Mrs. Maggie Greene	Oct. 20, '04
Patrick Duffy	Jan. 1, '05
Miss Annie Starr	Jan. 1, '05
F. W. Harkleroad	Nov. 13, '04
Mrs. Minnie Palmer	Feb. 12, '04
W. H. Mounts	Nov. 1, '03
J. L. Stever	Jan. 16, '05
F. E. Kyle	Dec. 30, '04
John Robert Kidd	Dec. 30, '04
Harry Johnston	March 18, '04
O. G. Stevens	Dec. 1, '04
H. A. Chilcote	April 1, '04

—Orbisonia *Dispatch:* No. 1 Furnace was blown in Saturday afternoon at 2.45 o'clock and started up with one engine, Sunday night about 8 o'clock both engines were put in operation. The first cast of iron was made about 2 o'clock Sunday, consiting of five beds of excellant iron. Everything is working nicely and the furnace has been turning out good iron at every cast since. One hundred and thirty coke ovens that were banked several weeks ago have been put in operation again, as has also the Grove stone quarry, which will furnish employment to many men in addition to those employed at the furnace. No. 2. furnace was blown out October 31, since which time business has been in a state of status quo, but now our town is assuming its usual activity, all of which we are glad to state.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c at B. O'Connor & Sons' store.

December Court Proceedings.

Rule granted on John Piper, gaurdian of Lydia K. Cook (formerly Lydia K. Spangler) of Lincoln township, to show cause why he should not file an account.

Margaret Bolinger, one of the administrators of William Bolinger, late of Orbisonia, deceased, authorized to bid at sale of real estate.

Sale of real estate of John C. Lotz, late of the borough of Shirleysburg, deceased, continued.

Sale of real estate of John X. Lutz, late of the township of Shirley, deceased; continued with power to sell either at public or private sale.

Thos. W. Montgomery appointed administrator pen dents lite, of the estate of Ellen Hefright, late of the borough of Huntingdon, deceased.

In re divorce, Lucinda C. Rouse vs. John A. Rouse; publication of notice awarded.

In re divorce, Lizzie Fair vs. Milton Fair; publication of notice ordered.

In re divorce, Anna J. Stewart vs. L. Todd Stewart; H. B. Dunn appointed master.

In re divorce Adah G. Campbell vs. William B. Campbell; publication of notice awarded.

In re divorce William T. Heffner vs. Elizabeth J. Heffner; Will J. Forbes appointed master.

In re divorce, Ruth Hess vs. Wm. Hess; Chas. C. Brewster appointed master.

Wm. Swope, M. J. Elias and Bruce Bence appointed viewers on site for proposed bridge over Aughwick creek in Cromwell township.

In re divorce, Mollie E. Harter vs. Robert D. Harter; report of Jas. S. Woods, master, filed and decree of divorce awarded on payment of costs.

In re divorce, Ida Wise vs. Samuel Wise; subpoena awarded.

In re divorce, Melvine R. Dorman vs. Maggie N. Dorman; report of Jas. S. Woods, master, filed.

SENTENCES.

Commonwealth vs. O. Z. Shaver, malicious mischief; found guilty. Fined $10, and six months in jail.

Commonwealth vs. William Clark, arson. Jury found defendant not guilty, but must pay costs.

Commonwealth vs. Harry Wilson, larceny. Guilty. The property, two turkeys, were returned to owner. Sentenced to pay fine of $5 and serve 30 days in jail.

Commonwealth vs. Orlando Taylor and Cloyd Bouseman, shooting turkeys with intent to steal. Guilty. Sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, fine of $5 each, and serve 90 days in jail.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Richardson, keeping disorderly house. Guilty. Sentence suspended.

Commonwealth vs. John Leskia, alias John Ebescho, assault and battery on his wife and child. Guilty. Sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, fine of $10 and serve six months in jail.

Commonwealth vs. A. Whitsel, selling liquor without license and to persons of known intemperate habits. No true bill found, county to pay costs of prosecution.

Commonwealth vs. Marion and Howard Hess, forcible entry and forcible detainer. No true bill; county to pay costs.

No. 26, May 6, 1902, Samuel Smiley's use vs. Ellis Iddings. Jury finds for defendant in the sum of $213.

Geo. H. Wolfe vs. Albert Bowman, trespass. Verdict for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Clarence Coder; same vs. W. B. Primm; same vs. Chalmers Snyder; same vs. Ralph Stroup, all for f. and b. Guilty; pay costs of prosecution, fine of $10, $25 for expenses of prosecutrix, $1.25 per week until child is 7 years old, and give bond for $300 to Director of Poor.

Commonwealth vs. Joel Painter, alias Joseph Painter, f. and b. Not guilty.

Commonwealth vs. William Hampton, f. and b. Guilty. Case settled to satisfaction of prosecutrix, and sentence suspended.

How to Prevent Croup

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarsenes. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy has been used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by J. G. Gillam; James O. Heaton, Cassville.

PRETTY MISS KATE.

By LOUISE CHANDLER MOULTON.

Everybody called her "pretty Miss Kate." It was an odd title, and she had come by it in an odd way. A sort of half-witted nurse, whose one supreme merit was her faithfulness, had tended Squire Osgood's baby daughter all through her early years; and she it was who had first called the girl "pretty Miss Kate."

It was a small neighborhood, where everybody knew everybody else; and, by dint of much hearing this title, all the neighbors grew to use it. And, indeed, at fifteen Kate Osgood deserved it. She was a tall, slight girl, with a very graceful figure, and what a rather horsy young man called a stylish action.

She had blue eyes—not the meaningless blue of a French doll, but deep and lustrous, like the tender hue of the summer sky. She had hair like some Northland princess. It had not a tint of yellow in it, but it was fine and fair, and so light as to be noticeable anywhere. Her skin was exquisite, too, as skin must be to match such hair. When any color came to the cheeks it was never crimson, but just the faintest tint of the blush rose; her lips alone were of rich, vivid bloom. A prettier creature, truly, seldom crosses this planet; and the few such girls who have lived among us, and grown to womanhood, have made wild work generally, using hearts for playthings; and, like other children breaking their toys now and then. But pretty Miss Kate was not at the age yet for that sort of pastime, and her most ardent worshipper was little Sally Green.

There was a curious friendship between these two, if one may call that friendship which is made up of blind worship on one side, and gentle pity and kindliness on the other.

Squire Osgood owned the poor little house where Widow Green lived, and whenever there was an unusual press of work at the great house above, the family washing used to be sent down to Mrs. Green, at the foot of the hill. Many an hour the widow worked busily, fluting the delicate ruffles and smoothing the soft muslins, out of which pretty Miss Kate used to bloom as a flower does out of its calyx. And on these occasions Sally used to carry the dainty washing home, and she nearly always contrived to be permitted to take it up to Miss Kate's room herself.

Nobody thought much about little Sally Green anyway—least of all did any one suspect her of any romantic, heroic, or poetical qualities. And yet she had them all; and if you came to a question of soul and mind, there was something in Sally which entitled her to rank with the best. She was a plain, dark little thing, with a short, solid, squarely built figure; with great black eyes, which nobody thought anything about in her, but which would have been enough for the whole stock in trade of a fashionable belle; with masses of black hair that she did not know what to do with; and with a skin somewhat sallow, but smooth. No one ever thought how she looked, except, perhaps, pretty Miss Kate.

One day, when the child brought home the washing, Kate had been reading aloud to a friend, and Sally had shown an evident inclination to linger. At that time Kate was not more that fourteen, and the interest or the admiration in Sally's face struck her, and moved by a girl's quick impulse, she had said:

"Do you want to hear all of it, Sally? Wait, then, and I will read it to you."

The poem was Mrs. Browning's "Romance of the the Swan's Nest," and it was the first glimpse for Sally Green into the enchanted land of poetry and fiction. Before that she had admired pretty Miss Kate, but now the feeling grew to worship.

Kate was not slow to perceive it, with that feminine instinct which somehow scents out and delights in the honest admiration of high or low, rich or poor. She grew very kind to little Sally. Many a book and magazine she lent the child; and now and then she gave her a flower, a bit of bright ribbon, or some little picture. To poor Sally Green these trifles were as the gifts of a goddess, and no monk ever treasured relics from the shrine of his patron saint more tenderly than she cherished any, even the slightest, token which was associated with the beautiful young lady, whom she adored with all her faithful, reverent, imaginative heart.

One June evening Sally had been working hard all day. She had washed dishes, run her mother's errands, got supper, and now her reward was to come.

"You may make yourself tidy," her mother said, "and carry home that basket of Miss Kate's things to Squire Osgood's."

Sally flew upstairs, and brushed back her black locks, and tied them with a red ribbon Miss Kate had given to her. She put on a clean dress, and a little straw hat that, last year, had been Miss Kate's own; and really, for such a short, dark little thing, she looked very nice. She was thirteen—two years younger than her idol—and while Miss Kate was tall, and looked older than her years, Sally looked even younger than she was. Her heart beat as she hurried up the hill. She thought of the fable of the mouse and the lion, which she had read in one of the books Miss Kate had lent her. It made her think of herself and her idol. Not that Miss Kate was like a lion at all—no she was like a beautiful princess—but Sally was such a poor, humble, helpless little mouse; and yet there might be a time, if she only watched and waited, when she, even she could do pretty Miss Kate some good. And if the time ever came, wouldn't she do it just, at no matter what cost to herself?

Poor little Sally! The time was on its way, and nearer than she thought.

She found Miss Kate in her own pretty room—a room all blue, and white, and silver, as befitted such a fair-haired beauty. The bedstead and wardrobe were of polished chestnut, lightly and gracefully carved. The carpet was pale gray, with impossible blue roses. The blue chintz curtains were looped back with silver cords; there were silver frames, with narrow blue edges, to the few graceful pictures; and on the mantel were a clock and vases with silver ornaments.

Pretty Miss Kate looked as if she had been dressed on purpose to stay in that room. She wore a blue dress, and around her neck was a silver necklace which her father had brought to her last year from far off Genoa. Silver ornaments were in her little ears, and a silver clasp fastened the belt at her waist. She welcomed Sally with a sweet graciousness, a little conscious, perhaps, of the fact that she was Miss Osgood, and Sally was Sally Green; but to the child, her manner, like everything else about her, seemed perfection.

"Sit down and stay a while, Sally," she said; "I have something to tell you. Do you remember what you heard me read that first time, when your eyes got so big with listening, and I made you stay and hear it all?"

"Yes, indeed," Sally cried, eagerly. "I never forgot anything I ever heard you read. That first time it was 'The Romance of the Swan's Nest.'"

"Yes, you are right, and I know I was surprised to find how much you cared about it. I began to be interested in you then, for you know I am interested in you, don't you, Sally?"

Sally blushed with pleasure till her face, glowed like the June roses in Miss Kate's silver vases; but she did not know what to say, and so, very wisely, she did not say anything. Miss Kate went on:

"Well, that very same poem I am going to read, next Wednesday night, at the evening exercises in the academy. The academy hall won't hold everybody, and so they are going to be admitted by tickets. Each of us girls has a certain number to give away, and I have got one for you. I thought you would like to go and see me there among the rest in my white gown and hear me read the old verses again."

You would not have thought so small a thing could so have moved anybody; but Sally's face turned from red to white, and from white to red again, and her big black eyes were as full of tears as an April cloud is of raindrops.

"Do you mean it, truly?" she asked.

"Yes, truly, child. Here is your ticket. Why, don't cry, foolish girl. It's nothing. I wanted to be sure of one person there who would think I read well, whether any one else did or not. And I've got a gown for you, too—that pink muslin, don't you know, that I wore last year? I've shot up right out of it, and it's of no use to me, now, and mamma said I might give it to you. This is Saturday; you can get it ready by Wednesday, can't you?"

What a happy girl went home that night, just as the rosy June sunset was fading away, and ran, bright and glad, and full of joyful expectation, into the Widow Green's humble little house. Widow Green wasn't much of a woman, in the neighbor's estimation. She was honest, and civil, and she washed well; but that was all they saw in her. Sally saw much more. She saw a mother who always tried to make her happy—who shared her enthusiasms, or at least sympathized in them; who was never cross, or jealous, or anything but motherly. She was as pleased, now, at the prospect of Sally's pleasure as Sally herself was; and just as proud of this attention from pretty Miss Kate. Together they made over the pink muslin dress; and when Wednesday night came the widow felt sure that her daughter was as well worth having, and as much to be proud of, as any other mother's daughter that would be at the academy.

"You must go very early," she said, "to get a good seat; and you need not be afraid to go right up to the front. You've just as good right to get close up there as anybody."

"Here, dear," she said, "just take the shawl. Do it to please me, for there's no knowing how cold it might be when you get out."

"The shawl" was an immense Rob Roy plaid—a ridiculous wrap, truly, for a June night; but summer shawls they had none, and Sally was too dutiful, as well as too happy, not to want to please her mother even in such a trifle. How differently two lives would have come out if she had not taken it!

She was the very first one to enter the academy. Dare she go and sit in the front row so as to be close to pretty Miss Kate? Ordinarily she would have shrunk into some far corner, for she was almost painfully shy; but now something outside herself seemed to urge her on. She would not take up much room—this something whispered—and nobody, no, nobody at all, could love Miss Kate better than she did. So she went into the very front row, close up to the little stage on which the young performers were to appear—a veritable stage, with real footlights.

Soon the people began to come in, and after a while the lights were turned up and the exercises commenced. There were dialogues, and music, and at last the master of ceremonies announced the reading of "The Romance of the Swan's Nest," by Miss Kate Osgood.

Other people had been interested in what went before, no doubt; but to Sally Green the whole evening had been but a prelude to this one triumphant moment for which she waited.

Pretty Miss Kate came forward like a little queen—tall and slight, with her coronet of fair, braided hair, in which a shy, sweet rosebud nestled. She wore a dress of white muslin, as light and fleecy as a summer cloud, with a sash that might, as far as its hue went, have been cut from the deep blue sky over which that summer cloud floated. A little bunch of flowers was on her bosom, and other ornament she had none. She looked like one of the pretty creatures, half angel and half woman of fashion, which some of the modern French artists paint.

As she stepped forward she was greeted with a burst of irrepressible applause, and then the house was very still as she began to read. How her soft eyes glowed, and the blushes burned on her dainty cheeks, when she came to the lines:

"Little Ellie in her smile
Chooseth: 'I will have a lover,
Riding on a steed of steeds!
He shall love me without guile,
And to him I will discover
That swan's nest among the reeds.

"'And the steed shall be red-roan,
And the lover shall be noble,
With an eye that takes the breath,
And the lute he plays upon
Shall strike ladies into trouble,
As his sword strikes men to death.'"

She had the whole audience for her lovers before she was through with the poem, and the last verse was followed with a perfect storm of applause. Was she not young and beautiful, with a voice as sweet as her smile? And then she was Squire Osgood's daughter, and he was the great man of the village.

She stepped off the stage; and then the applause recalled her, and she came back, pink with pleasure. A bow, a smile, and then a step too near the poorly protected footlights, and the fleecy white muslin dress was a sheet of flame.

How Sally Green sprang over those footlights she never knew; but there she was, on the stage, and "the Shawl" was wrapped around pretty Miss Kate before any one else had done anything but scream. Close, close, close, Sally hugged its heavy woolen folds. She burned her own fingers to the bone; but what cared she? The time of the poor little mouse had come at last.

And so pretty Miss Kate was saved, and not so much as a scar marred the pink and white of her fair girl's face. Her arms were burned rather badly, but they would heal, and no permanent harm had come to her.

Sally was burned much more severely, but she hardly felt the pain of it in her joy that she had saved her idol, for whom she would have been so willing even to die. They took her home very tenderly, and the first words she said, as they led her inside her mother's door were:

"Now, mother, I know what I took the shawl for!"

I said how differently two lives would have ended if she had not taken that shawl. Pretty Miss Kate's would have burned out then and there, no doubt; for if any one else were there with presence of mind enough to have saved her, certainly there was no other wrap like "the shawl." And then Sally might have grown up to the humblest kind of toil, instead of being what she is today; for Squire Osgood's gratitude for his daughter's saved life did not exhaust itself in words. From that moment he charged himself with Sally Green's education, and gave her every advantage which his own daughter received. And, truth to tell, Sally, with her wonderful temperament, the wealth of poetry, and devotion, and hero-worship that was in her, soon outstripped pretty Miss Kate in her progress.

But no rivalry or jealousy ever came between them. As Sally had adored Kate's loveliness, so, in time, Kate came to do homage to Sally's genius; and the two were friends in the most complete sense of the word.

Kate has realized her dream of a noble lover; but Sally, as yet, loves only Kate.—New York Weekly.

PROTEST OF COLOMBIA

Foreign Minister Denies American Rights in Panama.

Declares That the United States Departed From All Precedents—Foreign Powers Fully Approve Our Course.

Bogota, Colombia.—Dr. Luis Carlos Rico, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has cabled General Reyes, at Washington, under date of December 16, as follows:

"If the explanation which the United States Government has given to the press is of a diplomatic character, answer clearing the following points:

"By the treaty of 1846 the United States did not acquire control over inter-oceanic transit, but entered into obligations by which, for compensatory favors, it guaranteed the neutrality, property and sovereignty of the Isthmus, the sovereignty being indivisible. If the United States Government prevents the Government of Colombia from subduing the rebels, then it ought to submit them to Colombian authority.

"The United States has never protected Colombia against foreign invasions. Whenever that Government has interfered to prevent the interruption of traffic, it has been because of the rights granted or at Colombia's request. Only in this instance has it interfered, on its own initiative, with the evident object of protecting the secessionists on the Isthmus.

"If the guarantee of neutrality were to be looked upon as a privilege it would prevent the sovereign government from keeping order on the Isthmus, which is against the principles of all governments.

"The protocls of 1879 did not grant any new rights to the United States, much less the right of dominating this territory. The Hay-Herran Canal treaty did not modify the obligations which the United States contracted by the treaty of 1846 to guarantee the neutrality, sovereignty, and property of the Isthmus. When this treaty was disapproved, no new propositions were made.

"The orders given by the United States Government to its Navy have helped to favor the secession movement, and Colombia was at peace when this movement was begun.

"The conduct of the Washington Executive has been and now is favorable in every way to the rebellion, but not to the maintenance of order, which is contrary to the principles and antecedents of the United States Government and to the policy established by it during the American war of secession. RICO, Minister."

Washington, D. C.—According to a statement made by a prominent European Ambassador the refusal by the United States to consent to a proposition from Colombia for a reference of the Panama question to The Hague Tribunal, will be fully approved by the European powers.

A question between Colombia and Panama which with all propriety might be referred to The Hague, and to which reference the United States will scarcely offer objection, is the question of the assumption by Panama of a part of the Colombian debt.

WESTERN UNION MUST PAY.

Texas Wire Tappers' Fraud Must Be Made Good by Company.

Austin, Texas.—The Texas Supreme Court rendered a decision affirming the judgment of the lower court awarding the Uvalde National Bank, of Uvalde, Texas, $1200 damages against the Western Union Telegraph Company for a loss sustained through wire tapping.

The money was obtained from the bank by Rief and Fisher, two noted wire tappers, who are now serving sentences in the Missouri penitentiary for a similar practice committed in that State. The Supreme Court holds that the Western Union was guilty of undue negligence in the transmission of the message over its line.

INSTRUCTED FOR PANAMA.

Louisiana Legislature Unanimously Calls on Its Senators to Favor Treaty.

New Orleans, La.—The Louisiana Legislature, meeting in extra session, unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the two Senators from Louisiana, S. D. McEnery and M. J. Foster, to vote in favor of the ratification of the treaty with the Republic of Panama providing for the building, operating and maintaining of an interoceanic canal across the Isthmus of Panama "whenever said treaty be submitted to the United States Senate."

Governor Heard was instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Senators before the meeting of the Senate on January 4.

ROBBED HER HUSBAND'S BANK.

President's Wife Got $2500, But is Caught and the Money Recovered.

Sioux City, Iowa.—While C. C. King, President of the First National Bank, of Scotland, S. D., was absent in Minneapolis, his wife called at the bank and asked the cashier to go to the post-office for her mail. During his absence she took $2500 in bills from the safe and disappeared with her four-year-old boy.

Orders came from her husband for her arrest. She was taken at Jefferson, S. D., and the money was found sewed in her clothes. She was taken back to Scotland, but her husband said that he would not prosecute her.

STATE NEWS BUDGET

His Gun Turned on Him.

Arthur Jamison, the operator at a tower at Winburne, or the Beech Creek branch of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, was attacked one night recently by a man who gained entrance to the tower by battering down the door, which the operator has kept locked nights since the murder of Operator Clendennen. Jamison, though suffering from a fractured arm and numerous bruises, succeeded in disarming the intruder and driving him away at the muzzle of his own revolver. The man broke the door in with a fence post and struck the operator with a club. A desperate fight ensued, during which the stranger pulled a revolver, but Jamison succeeded in wresting it from him. Then the fellow fled, and as he fled in the darkness a bullet from his own revolver was sent after him.

Scalping Brakeman Off to Jail.

Marcus Trout, a former Reading Railway passenger brakeman, who had pleaded guilty to stealing $5 worth of railway tickets, was sentenced by Judge Ermentrout to two years' solitary confinement at hard labor in the Berks County Jail. The practice of scalping these tickets was continuous from April 1 last, and though the bill of indictment only mentions $5 worth of tickets, when taken into custody, $64 worth of unpunched tickets were found on his person. In imposing sentence Judge Ermentrout said the court would take into consideration the defendant's previous good character, but that the defendant had betrayed the trust of his employer, who furnished him with a livelihood.

Carnegie's New Pension Fund.

It has just been announced at the offices of the Carnegie Steel Company, at New Castle, that Andrew Carnegie has set apart $4,000,000, the interest upon which is to form a perpetual fund to relieve workmen injured in the Carnegie plants and to aid the heirs of those killed while at work. Married men injured will receive $1 daily, while idle, and single men will get seventy-five cents, while children under sixteen will receive ten cents daily. In case an employe is killed while at work, $500 will be given his family, while $100 will go to the family of any child under sixteen who meets death while at work.

Death Roll at the Mines.

Almost 300 men were killed in the anthracite mines during 1903, according to the records kept by the State mine inspectors. The victims left 200 widows and 400 orphans. During the past twenty years a total of 8500 men have been killed in the hard coal mines. All the coal companies have been notified that the law preventing the employment of boys under fourteen will be enforced after January 1, and the corporations will discharge thousands of boys of doubtful age at the beginning of the year.

Health Board Runs Plumbers.

The examination and licensing by the Board of Health of master and journeymen plumbers was upheld by Judge Bittenger, of York, who handed down an opinion sustaining the constitutionality of the legislation of 1901, under which Elmer R. Markel had appealed from a fine imposed by an Alderman for negligently carrying on the plumbing business. The case was watched with interest by all the plumbers, and it was recognized as the test case to see whether the law would hold.

His Smile Wouldn't Come Off.

Leon Price, of the western section of Chester, was entertaining some friends at his home, and the culmination of the merrymaking was a very funny joke, at which Price laughed with great heartiness. Then he sat with his mouth wide open, staring at the guests in what at first looked like a very expansive smile; but his jaw had become dislocated, and it was necessary to take him to Dr. Lehmen's office. The physician told his patient that he had "simply slipped a cog."

Political Leader a Suicide.

With a bullet in his brain, Samuel A. Steel, the recognized Republican leader in Huntingdon County, was found dead in his room. For several years he had been troubled with a serious affection of the throat, and this is believed to have led to his act of self-destruction. The bullet which caused death had entered at the mouth. He was sixty years old.

A Factory Inspector's Record.

Deputy Factory Inspector Gus Egolf, of Norristown, has just completed his first six months in office. In his district, Bucks and Montgomery counties, he has visited the 375 factories twice; he has dismissed 760 children illegally employed, and has caused the erection of 350 fire escapes, as there was not a single hotel in his district provided with these safety appliances.

Ask For Miners' Pension.

In closing their recent convention at Shenandoah, the Ninth District United Mine Workers adopted resolutions asking their board to co-operate, if possible, with operators and establish a miners' beneficial fund with a pension feature. In the event of the employers' failure to co-operate, then the miners' officials are requested to arrange to establish such a limited fund on their own hook.

Big Hats Change a Church.

Women worshipers with big hats will soon be inefficient in their obstruction of the view of all worshipers who sit behind them in St. John's Lutheran Church, at Allentown. The auditorium is to be reconstructed, on a very pronounced slope, at a cost of $5000, so the rear worshipers can see over the millinery to the pulpit.

A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

ELOQUENT DISCOURSE BY DR CHARLES H. PARKHURST.

Subject of the Distinguished New York Clergyman's Sermon, "What Think Ye of Christ?"—Why So Many People Get Tired of Being Christians.

NEW YORK CITY.—Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, pastor of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, preached Sunday morning on "What Think Ye of Christ?" from the words found in Mark viii:29: "Whom say ye that I am?" Dr. Parkhurst said among other things:

Christ means to you something; what is it?

Christ Himself asks this of His disciples. It is the first Christian catechism. Brief, but nevertheless it is catechism, and is God's warrant for our asking doctrinal questions, and His warrant, too, for our being prepared to frame some sort of an answer to them.

Christ's inquiry here means that He expects His disciples to have convictions—convictions in regard to Himself at any rate—and definite enough for them to be able to state them. Such convictions may be more correct, may be less so, but an imperfect opinion is better than none, and no opinion ends in being perfect that did not begin by being imperfect, and sound conviction is blunder convicted and converted. Everything human begins in a mistake. Error is the loamy soil out of which truth vegetates and blossoms. The history of philosophy, science and theology illustrates this principle with a distinct cogency that is unanswerable. So that we need not be too much afraid of being in error provided only we cling to our error with a tenacity that is not simply tenacious, but that is also honest and intelligent.

What think ye of Christ? His appeal here is to man considered as an animal who thinks, who has ideas, ideas of his own, takes impressions from what is shown him, told to him, acted out before him, and impressions that so groove themselves into his substance as to take defined shape and snape that is fairly permanent. Just as objects make an image of themselves in the eye, so facts, events, truths, make an image of themselves in the mind—that is, they do if the mind is an alert mind, sensitive, responsive. A man can, of course, look without seeing anything; so he can hear without learning anything; live in the presence of great realities and come away from them without carrying upon his soul any of their imprint. An ox can look toward the west at 6 o'clock in the afternoon without observing any sunset; there is a good deal of the bovine still in most of us that call ourselves human, and that is why we behold so little of what is really visible and why we garner so little of the fruit that falls into our laps. A duck can go through the water and still come out dry.

What think ye of Christ? He wants to find out from His disciples, then, what impression of Himself He has left with them, what stamp He has put upon them. What they think of Him will be only another name for the record of Himself that His teachings and demeanor have left printed upon their intelligences. I am trying to have you realize that their opinion of Him that He was trying to get hold of was something definitely traceable to the working influence upon them of His own presence and activity. He is not interested to know what they imagine Him to be, nor what they logically infer He may be, nor what some one has told them that He is. He has been for some time demonstrating Himself to them by word, act and spirit, and if they are not altogether like the duck in the water or the ox before the sunset, as presumably they are not, this demonstration of Himself to them has in some way told upon them, it has lodged something within them, and He wants them to give a name to it. Their opinion of Him was something that He had Himself been the means of making to grow up in them without their consciously having any part in the matter themselves. It was not something they had borrowed from somewhere nor something that they had personally striven to acquire.

Opinion, then, if it is anything more than mere quotation, copy of what some one else has thought, is one of the things that grows. The influence that starts the conviction will, if it continues to operate, go on adding to that conviction's strength and intensity. As illustrative of this compare the feebleness and timorousness of the convictions of the disciples when they began to believe in Jesus with what those convictions were when at the end of their course they laid down their lives in martyrdom. That is the natural course of things. It is natural for a flower to continue to grow if it stands in the same sunshine and rain as that which first made it begin to grow. If a flower comes up out of the ground, grows for a day and then suddenly stops growing and remains as it is, you know something is the matter—either there is a worm at the root or the air too cold or the soil too dry. It is not natural for it not to go on improving upon itself, adding to itself.

It is a sorry condition, then, that a man is in, that a Christian believer is in, when he says that he has the same opinion of Christ that he had a year ago. It tells a sad story of the way the year has been passing with him. If the vine that is twining itself around your trellis clothes itself in no more leaves and puts forth no more blossoms this summer than it did last summer, the season must have been an infelicitous one for plant life or there is something serious the matter with the vine.

I have in this been speaking broadly of conviction in general, but of course the reference specifically intended is to religious conviction, and more specifically still to the conviction contemplated when the question was asked, "What think ye of Christ?" We doubtless all of us have some conviction respecting Him; that is, we all of us possess among our other commodities and belongings—either out on the table or tucked away in some drawer or closet or stored in the garret among other disused furniture or obsolete bric-a-brac—something which we called (and properly call) a belief in Christ, an opinion about Him, a conviction concerning Him. We are willing to assume, too, that it may be a very valid conviction, sound, yea, thoroughly in the terms of Scripture. Yes, but granting all that, is there any of to-day's sap in it or is it an antiquity?

It means a great deal to say of a man's Christian conviction that it is a living conviction, that it is going on to-day maintaining a continuous life, freshly ministered to and daily supplied by communications from the same divine source that first initiated it. A dead conviction we have to lug around—a conviction that is alive takes us around. It means a continuous sense of the reality of that to which our conviction fastens. It brings everything down to date and sets it out in front of us. Memory does not have to be appealed to to recall it, nor books, manuscripts, catechisms rummaged through in order to authenticate it. It is an imbedded impulse that keeps pushing and that goes on pushing with an ever accelerated pace and a widening energy while we stand near enough to Him whom we believe in to have His presence made ever more immediate to us, His reality more real to us. It is for that reason that some believers can believe very nicely and yet behave very badly. There is not the slightest incompatibility between being orthodox and being villainous, only in order that that may be possible the orthodoxy in question must be a dead orthodoxy, last year's leaf though still glued to this year's tree.

When Christ taught us to pray "Give us this day our daily bread" He probably meant us to understand that in the spiritual life as well as in the stomach continuous health means consecutive supply. There is no incompatibility between your parlor being brilliantly luminous at noon and black with Egyptian darkness at midnight. Light is not laid on in fast colors; neither is the light of God, and the heavenly radiance that was upon us in 1902 is no guarantee against devilish blackness being upon us in 1903. Even Christ's power over us is valid only for the time that it is over us, so that the liveliest kind of orthodoxy, provided it is merely a mummified residuum from an extinct experience, is no kind of an embarrassment to the very liveliest kind of depravity. It is all right to believe in the doctrine of perseverance of the saints that persevere, but that doctrine, applied in cold literalism, has done as much as any one thing perhaps to prevent their persevering. If the money a man has in his pocket to-day is thought by him to be sufficient to pay all his debts, defray all his expenses and secure all desired comforts and luxuries for an indefinite time to come he will feel no incentive to going out and earning a couple of dollars to-morrow, and so his confidence in the absolute and everlasting sufficiency of his present pocket containings may easily issue in his turning pauper. Those illustrations only serve to indicate what I mean by saying that a man may be as orthodox as Calvin and as wicked as he knows how.

The principle we have been discussing also explains why it is that so many people who show a good deal of Christian zest at the start so soon get tired of being Christians. To have earnest views of Christ and to be intensely interested in them and controlled by them cannot, unfortunately, be taken as a certain sign of the continuance of that interest. The falling off, the cooling down of Christian enthusiasm is common experience. Even the disciples, at Jesus' temporary withdrawal from them at crucifixion, threw up the whole matter, resumed their old life and went back to their fishing. Interest is not self-sustaining. Enthusiasm, like a burning candle, consumes itself in its own heat. The sun, so astronomers tell us, would burn itself out and our systems fall back into original darkness were not special provision made for keeping up the sun's temperature.

At the same time there are lines of effort and employment where interest, on the contrary, never does seem to flag, where heat is not only maintained, but with a mercury that is rather steadily on the rise. Setting aside the familiar and rather shop worn instance of the money getter, who, the more he gets, the intenser, as a rule, becomes his ambition to get, that is only one of the many pursuits where the like enhancement of interest, mounting up in many cases to the height of a steadily growing passion, is seen to evince itself. Examples of this are, I should say, especially frequent among scholars devoted to the scientific investigation of nature and nature's beauties and marvels. But in the instances of such advancing and steadily intensifying interest the particular fact I would beg you to notice is that what keeps the investigator's heart glowing with a warmer and warmer fervor is not the array of facts that have been brought distinctly within the range of his knowledge, that he has been able definitely to tabulate, and of which in some time past he has issued a complete and finished catalogue. It is the constant stepping forward on to new ground that keeps his thoughts alert and his heart aglow. Whatever it be, the old is always tiresome, only the new is interesting. To the naturalist the world retains its fascination, although an old world, because of the deeper entrance he day by day gains into that world and the ever fresh disclosures of newly discovered wonderfulness and beauty that she thereby makes over to him. In the same way there are certain books that we read and re-read. In a way they are old books, but it is not their oldness that fascinates us but a certain everlasting newness that lay beyond the reach of our previous perusals, as eyes that look quietly and intensely into the night-sky see stars that are sunk too deep in the firmament to be caught by a first and easy glance. And that suggests the old holy book, the Bible, which is always new and which the church always loves, because there is that in it always which our last reading was only on the edge of discovering. If the church should ever come to the end of the Bible it would throw it away. Some people have thrown it away already; some who seem to themselves to be Christians have thrown it away; it seems to them they have come to the end of it. To them there is nothing new in it any more, so, of course, by the principle we are illustrating they can do nothing but throw it away. The ox knows enough to feel when it is dark, but never sees a sunset.

All of this leads up easily to an explanation of the fact stated a moment ago that so many who have begun to be Christians get tired of being Christians after a while; it has ceased to offer them anything new to which interest can attach and by which therefore enjoyment can be kept alive. They reached a little conviction as to the real import of Christ, entered into a certain amount of relation with Him, had a degre of experience of Him, learned a little of what He could do to strengthen in weakness, brighten in darkness, comfort in sorrow and disappointment, and then everything stopped. Instead of "going on to know the Lord," drawing closer and closer to Him, and pressing forward into the deeper and deeper meanings involved in His Spirit, presence and companionship, they drew up all that part of the matter, ruminated only upon such little prospect as had opened to them, till they became weary of it, drank the old cup of consolation till its waters became stale, munched the drying crumbs of light, strength and comfort till they were moldy, strained themselves to keep warm by a fire that had gone out, and ended, of course, by concluding that whatever might be the theoretical value of personal religion it was nothing if not uninteresting, and people will not, if they can help it, permanently commit themselves to a course of drudgery, even if that drudgery be baptized by so honorable a name as Christianity.

Closing this morning with the prayer that we may all of us feel ourselves moved by a reverent and holy ambition to break free from the burden and entanglement of all the petty and now withered experiences garnered long ago, entering into ever new prospects, into larger discernments, into an ever wider world of knowledge, comfort and anticipation. To this end may we have with us in our closets and in our sanctuary gatherings the abounding Spirit of God the Father and of His Son Jesus Christ, to whom with the Blessed Spirit be given our obedience, adoration and love forever and ever. Amen.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JANUARY 3.

Subject: The Boyhood of Jesus, Luke ii., 40-52—Golden Text, Luke ii., 52—Memory Verses, 49-51—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. The growth and advancement of Jesus (vs. 40, 52). 40. "The child grew." From this verse and verse 52 we learn that Jesus had a human body and soul. He was a genuine boy and grew like other boys, but He was sinless. Evil had no place in Him. "Strong in spirit." In mind, intellect and understanding. "Filled with wisdom." He was eminent for wisdom even when a child. "Grace of God." Grace commonly means favor. God was pleased with Him and showed Him favor and blessed Him.

52. "Increased in wisdom and stature." In the perfection of His divine nature there could be no increase, but this is spoken of His human nature.

II. Jesus in Jerusalem (vs. 41, 42). 41. "The Passover." There were three principal feasts of the Jews. The Passover in April, the Pentecost near the first of June, and the feast of the Tabernacles in October. All males over twelve years of age were required to attend these feasts unless they had a legitimate excuse. The name expresses the design of the celebration. The destroying angel "passed over" the Hebrews.

42. "Twelve years old." At the age of twelve a Jewish boy bec me "a son of the law," and came under the obligation of obeying all its precepts, including attendance at the Passover. It was probable that this was the first time that Jesus had been in Jerusalem at this feast. To a boy who had never been outside the hills of Nazareth, the journey to Jerusalem, the appearance of the city at this time, filled, according to Josephus, with more than two and a half millions of people, a sight of the temple, the preparations for the feast and especially the feast itself, must have been an imposing sight.

III. Jesus lost (vs. 43-45). "Had fulfilled the days." Eight days in all—one the Passover, and seven the days of unleavened bread. "Tarried behind." Luke neither tells us that Jesus remained behind at Jerusalem unintentionally, nor that Joseph and Mary lost sight of Him through want of necessary care. A circumstance must have been omitted, and we may safely suppose that Joseph and Mary joined their elder fellow-travelers in the persuasion that Jesus, who knew of the time and place of departure, was among the younger ones. The more Mary was accustomed to trust to His obedience and wisdom, the less necessary would it be always to watch Him. An involuntary mistake, of whatever kind it might be, separated the child from the parents. Jesus was so intensely interested in the rabbis that He failed to start with the caravan on the homeward journey. "Knew not of it." This shows the perfect confidence they had in the boy. He was probably as far advanced in judgment as an ordinary youth many years his senior.

44. "In the company." Jesus had evidently been allowed a more than usual amount of liberty of action, as a child, by parents who had never known Him to transgress their commandments or be guilty of a sinful or foolish deed. 45. "Found Him not." They had probably left in the night to avoid the heat of the day, and in the confusion Jesus is lost. The boy had evidently been in company with some of their friends, and the time of the departure of the caravan was thoroughly understood.

IV. Jesus found (v. 46).. 46. "After three days." An idiom for "on the third day;" one day for their departure, one for their return and one for the search. "They found Him." Jerusalem was overcrowded with millions of people packed into a small area, and they had none of the means to which we would at once look for assistance in searching for a lost child in a great city. "In the temple." Joseph and Mary evidently knew where they would be most likely to find Him. Jesus was probably in one of the porches of the court of the women, where the schools of the rabbis were held. "In the midst of the doctors." Teachers of the law, Jewish rabbis. "Asking them questions." The questions were no doubt suggested by their teaching.

V. Jesus astonishing His hearers (vs. 47-50). 47. "Astonished." The Greek word is very forcible. The import is, that they were in a transport of astonishment, and struck with admiration. "At His understanding." He brought with Him a clear knowledge of God's word in which no doubt, He had been versed from earliest years. They had never heard one so young, nor indeed, their greatest doctors, talk sense at the rate He did. 48. "Amazed." To see such honor given to their boy, and to see such boldness in holding a discussion with these learned men. "Why," etc. This was the mildest sort of a reproof, and was probably given privately. "Thy father." This form of speech was necessary for how else could she speak? She had probably never told her Son of the peculiar circumstances connected with His birth. "Sought Thee sorrowing." Being not only troubled that we had lost Thee, but vexed at ourselves for not taking more care of Thee. The word here rendered sorrowing is expressive of great anguish.

49. "How is it that ye sought Me?" This is no reproachful question. It is asked in all the simplicity and boldness of holy childhood. He is apparently astonished that He should have been sought, or even thought of, anywhere else than in the only place which He felt to be properly His home. "Wist." Know. "About My Father's business." See R. V. "In My Father's house" unnecessarily narrows the fulness of the expression. Better, in the things or affairs of My Father, in that which belongs to His honor and glory. 50. "Understood not." They did not yet understand His mission. His first recorded utterance is too deep for them. Jesus was a mystery to His parents, and He has been a mystery to the world ever since.

VI. Jesus subject to His parents (v. 51). 51. "Went down with them." If His heart drew Him to the temple, the voice of duty called Him back to Galilee; and perfect even in childhood, He yielded implicit obedience to this voice. "To Nazareth." Here He remained eighteen years longer. These were years of growth and preparation for His great life work. "Was subject unto them." There is something wonderful beyond measure in the thought of Him unto Whom all things are subject submitting to earthly parents. No such honor was ever done to angels as was now done to Joseph and Mary. Great men have learned first to obey. That general could not command an army if by most severe discipline he had not learned to obey. That college president could not fill his position if he had not learned this lesson. It is a sign, not of abjectness, but of greatness, to be subject to law. "In her heart." Expecting that hereafter they would be explained to her and she would understand them fully.

LABOR WORLD.

An effort is being made to organize cooks and waiters at Albany, N. Y.

A new Allied Printing Trades Council has been formed at Minneapolis, Minn.

There are more than 2,000,000 members in the Trades Union Congress of England.

Every province in the Dominion is represented in the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

The Cigarmakers' International Union has $750,000 in the treasuries of its subordinate unions.

San Francisco, Cal., Allied Provision Trade Council is considering the establishment of a defense fund.

The recent ten per cent. reduction in wages of New England's cotton textile operatives affected 88,000 men.

Union bakers at Milwaukee, Wis., will induce State authorities to investigate the conditions of bake-shops in that city.

Locomotive Engineers' Society, of England, has decided to federate with the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.

Recently the Photographers' Union was formed in San Francisco, Cal., the first of this craft to be organized in the United States.

Six per cent. of the membership of the United Machine workers of the United Kingdom are in receipt of out-of-work donations.

The report of the Labor Commission which has just been signed at Johannesburg, South Africa, approves the employment of Asiatics in the mines.

Mine owners in South Wales have given notice of a claim for a reduction of five per cent. in wages. It will be passed upon by the Conciliation Board.

Coal miners in Scotland have begun a crusade against non-union workers, with the object either of compelling them to join the union or driving them from the mines.

PROMINENT PEOPLE

The Czar has given $5000 to sufferers from the Neva floods.

King Lewanica, ruler of Basutoland, is educating several of his many sons in England and Australia.

King Alfonso of Spain is about to start on a tour of Europe, visiting all the principal courts on the Continent.

Great White Bear, great-grandson of Tall Tree, once chief of the Crows, is a bugler in the United States Navy.

Edwin Warfield, Governor-elect of the State of Maryland, has been everything from a farmer's hired man to a banker.

Captain Alfred Johnson, who was the first man to cross the ocean in a small boat in 1876, is still living at Gloucester, Mass.

Pope Pius X. is suffering from a rheumatic affection of the foot in consequence of a cold contracted at Venice before his election to the papal chair.

President Loubet will resume shortly his study of astronomy. An observatory is being built on the grounds of the chateau which the President recently purchased.

King Christian of Denmark was handed his appointment as General in the German Army by the Kaiser's Aide-de-Camp, Major-General von Moltke, a nephew of the great strategist.

It is said that the widow of the late Max O'Rell will return to the stage. She was once well known in comic opera as Beatrice Eresham.

Major E. H. Ellis, of the British War Office, has been commissioned to examine the military surveys in Canada for the purpose of bringing them up to date.

Dr. Lorenz is said to have received an offer of $40,000 to reduce the congenital hip dislocation of the small son of a brewer in the United States, the name not being given.

NEWSY GLEANINGS

Steps have been taken for the organization of a national war on the mosquito.

Heavy fighting lasting two days between Dominican forces was reported from Santiago.

Joseph Keppler was chosen new Chief of the Six Nations at the bier of the late Mrs. Converse.

Woman have carried off the larger proportion of honors in the London University examinations.

The French Government has made arrangements for new Embassies at Washington, Rome and Vienna.

Russia continued the movement of troops eastward, and a strong squadron left the Mediterranean for Chinese waters.

Arrangements are being perfected for a traffic alliance between the 'Frisco railroad and the Southern for an entrance into New Orleans, La.

Edward J. Frost, inventor of the Frost or Pintsch light, used exclusively for lighting railroad coaches, died at Detroit, Mich., aged sixty-five years.

The New York Court of Appeals decided that a county tax lien does not take precedence of a city tax lien, and that in any case the latter holds good.

Experts recommending the purchase of watersheds in the vicinity of Fishkill to increase New York City's water supply. The plan contemplates the expenditure of $100,000,000.

Secretary Root sent a letter in defense of General Leonard Wood to the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, in which he says that the press reports of testimony are largely false.

Articles of incorporation were filed at Louisville, Ky., by the Right Rev. Bishop Thomas U. Dudley, who, as Episcopal Bishop of Kentucky, constitutes a corporation, with all the powers of a corporation.

Wholesale Prices Quoted in New York

MILK.

The Milk Exchange price for standard quality is 3¼c. per quart.

BUTTER.

Creamery—Western, extra	$ —	@$	23
Firsts	21	@	22
Seconds	17	@	20
State dairy tubs, firsts	19	@	20
Imitation creamery	15	@	19
Factory, thirds to firsts	13½	@	15¼

CHEESE.

State—Full cream, fancy	11½	@	12
Small	11¾	@	12
Part skims, good to prime	5½	@	6¼
Part skims, common	—	@	3
Full skims	1½	@	2

EGGS.

Jersey—Fancy	36	@	45
State and Penn	36	@	45
Western—Choice	33	@	36

BEANS AND PEAS.

Beans—Marrow, choice	2 60	@	2 65
Medium, choice	—	@	2 10
Pea, choice	—	@	2 05
Red kidney, choice	—	@	2 65
White kidney	—	@	2 75
Yellow eye	—	@	2 80
Black turtle soup	—	@	2 75
Lima, Cal	2 25	@	2 27½

FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.

Apples—King, per bbl	2 50	@	3 50
Baldwin, per bbl	1 50	@	2 50
Northern Spy, per bbl	1 50	@	2 75
Ben Davis, per bbl	1 50	@	2 50
Greening, per bbl	1 50	@	3 00
Grapes, Catawba, per crate	1 00	@	1 25
Niagara, per crate	1 50	@	2 50
Concord, per crate	1 50	@	1 60
Cranberries, C. Cod, per bbl	3 00	@	8 00
Jersey, per bbl	5 50	@	6 00

LIVE POULTRY.

Fowls, per lb	10	@	11½
Chickens, per lb	10	@	10¼
Roosters, per lb	—	@	7½
Turkeys, per lb	14	@	15
Ducks, per pair	80	@	90
Geese, per pair	1 50	@	1 62
Pigeons, per pair	—	@	20

DRESSED POULTRY.

Turkeys, per lb	14	@	21
Fowls, Western, per lb	11	@	12½
Chickens, State, per lb	10	@	14
Broilers, Phila., per lb	21	@	23
Ducks, spring, per lb	10	@	17
Geese, spring, per lb	9	@	16
Squabs, per dozen	1 62	@	3 00

HOPS.

State, 1903, choice, per lb	33	@	34
Good to prime, per lb	30	@	32
Common to fair	26	@	29
Pacific Coast, 1903, choice	28	@	29
Good to prime, per lb	25	@	27
Common to fair	18	@	24

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay, prime, per 100 lb	—	@	87½
No. 1, per 100 lb	80	@	82½
No. 2, per 100 lb	75	@	77½
Clover mixed, per 100 lb	60	@	65
Straw, long rye	1 00	@	1 15

GAME.

Quail, per doz	2 00	@	3 00
Snipe, per doz	1 75	@	2 00
Plover, golden, per doz	2 50	@	3 00
Grass, per doz	1 75	@	2 00
Ducks, canvas, per pair	1 50	@	3 00
Red-head, per pair	1 00	@	2 00
Mallard, per pair	75	@	1 00
Rabbits, per pair	15	@	23

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, L. I., per bbl	2 12	@	2 37
Jersey, per bbl	2 00	@	2 25
Sweets, per bbl	1 50	@	3 50
Turnips, per bbl	75	@	1 25
Tomatoes, per carrier	1 50	@	3 00
Egg plant, per box	4 00	@	8 00
Squash, per bbl	1 00	@	1 50
Peas, per basket	3 00	@	7 00
Onions, L. I., per bbl	1 25	@	2 00
Conn., white, per bbl	2 50	@	5 50
Orange Co., red, per bag	1 00	@	1 50
Peppers, per carrier	2 50	@	3 00
Lettuce, per basket	50	@	1 50
Cabbages, L. I., per 100	6 00	@	10 00
Cucumbers, per basket	1 00	@	3 00
Lima beans, per bag	1 00	@	2 00
Cauliflower, per bbl	1 25	@	8 00
Celery, per dozen	10	@	40
Brussels sprouts, per qt	6	@	12
Spinach, per bbl	3 00	@	4 50
Parsnips, per bbl	1 75	@	2 00
Beets, per bbl	2 00	@	2 50
Carrots, per bbl	1 00	@	1 25
Kale, per bbl	—	@	1 00
Pumpkins, per bbl	75	@	1 00

GRAIN, ETC.

Flour—Winter patents	4 00	@	4 35
Spring patents	4 60	@	5 00
Wheat, No. 1 N. Duluth	—	@	95¼
No. 2 red	—	@	93¾
Corn, No. 2 white	—	@	53
Oats, No. 2	—	@	42½
No. 2 white	—	@	42¾
Rye, Western	—	@	63½
State	56	@	58
Lard, city	6	@	6¼

LIVE STOCK.

Beeves, city dressed	6	@	8¾
Calves, city dressed	7½	@	12½
Country dressed	6	@	10½
Sheep, per 100 lb	3 00	@	3 75
Lambs, per 100 lb	6 00	@	6 35
Hogs, live, per 100 lb	4 85	@	4 90
Country dressed, per lb	5	@	7¼

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS.

Secretary Shaw's Estimates Aggregate $8,025,801.22.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Shaw's estimates for the deficiency appropriation bill to be passed at the present session of Congress aggregate $8,025,801.22, including the following items: State Department, $199,483; Treasury Department, $3,067,306; Navy Department, $3,019,201; Interior Department, $592,978; Department of Justice, $171,340; Postal Service, payable from postal revenues, $732,727.

Explosion Kills Two.

Thomas Griffin, a rich planter, of Franklin Parish, Louisiana, and two negroes, Morris Jones and Ed Black, were killed instantly by a boiler explosion in Griffin's gin the other morning.

Transport Sails.

Transport Kilpatrick sailed from New York for the Philippines with the Second Cavalry.

Indiana Bank Robbed.

Burglars blew open a safe in the Tower Hill (Ind.) Bank and escaped with $5000 in cash.

The Mapleton Item

I. N. SWOPE, - - Editor & Proprietor.

THE "ITEM" WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY AT THE FOLLOWING RATES IN ADVANCE:

ONE YEAR.....$1.00
SIX MONTHS.....50
THREE MONTHS.....25

Entered at the Post Office at Mapleton Depot, Pa. as second-class matter.

THREE SPRINGS.

We are having quite cold weather just now.

Quite a number of our citizens have availed themselves of the last cold spell and filled their ice houses with the frozen fluid.

Miss Agatha Wilson, who spent the last six months with her uncle Arthur Hockenberry, of Pitcairn, is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wilson.

Measles are quite prevalent here now, there being about forty-five cases in the last ten days.

Owing to the epidemic of measles here Mr. Austin Peck has closed his school for a week as there were only five pupils able to attend.

Our friend Arthur Covert breaks the record for regular attendance at Sabbath school, he being absent only one Sabbath for the last three years, then he was visiting friends in Altoona.

Harper Singer, of Lock Haven, and Owen, of Allegheny city, are spending the holiday season with their parents, Rev. George A. and Mrs. Singer.

Wm Faulkender, wife and two children Fairy and Alton, of Huntingdon, Sundayed with Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bence.

Beula Starr, who has been serving an apprenticeship for the last three months with Mrs. H. M. Chaney, one of the leading milliner's in Huntingdon, has obtained a position in the Acme Department store in the same town where she is employed for the present.

Our citizens were grieved to hear of the sudden death of little Olwilda Cornelius on Sunday morning. She had measles, took cold in some way when croup, that terror to all parents, set in and soon ended her sufferings. Olwilda was a sweet little golden haired girl of five summers, much loved by her brothers and sisters. We extend sympathy to the parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cornelius who have had so much sickness recently.

James Stevens, who has been on the sick list for some time, is circulating among friends again.

Berlin Weight and sister, Miss Bertha, attended the wedding of Miss Sadie Whitsel and Mr. Peterson, of Hill valley, last Wednesday.

The M. E. church has been treated to a coat of paint which improves its appearance very much. The work was done by V. C. Stevens. Vint knows how to wield the brush and climb the ladder.

Allen Cutshall, merchant, is going out of business this coming spring on account of being unable to attend to it since the trolley accident in New York city one year ago, he having to use crutches the most of the time. We are sorry for this as he is very obliging and also good to the poor.

C. E. Starr, our hustling blacksmith, housed another car load of feed the past week.

Benner Wilson, of Orbisonia, visited his uncle, merchant Harvey Wilson, of this place, the past week.

Mrs. Bernhart, teacher of No. 5 class (all boys) at M. E. church, presented to each a handsome book on Christmas, which was very much appreciated by them. Miss Edwina Stevens teacher of No. 2 class (all young ladies) presented to each a beautiful silver brooch on the same day. Thanks, Edwina!

TROUGH CREEK.

Wilson Houck and Oscar Wright are making one thousand cross ties for S. L. Smith.

I am glad to learn that my venerable friend, Johnathan Evans, Esq., is still able to enjoy and take part in a chase after the fleet-footed antlers of the forest, and that his party was successful in causing one more to bite the dust than was done in our end of the valley.

Wilson, son of Bliston Long, during the absence of his parents got hold of some blasting caps and by putting one on a hot stove lost the flesh and nails off his thumb and front finger. The flesh was nearly all blown off to the first joints, also part of the flesh off the second finger, but fortunately the bones are thought to not be injured.

'Squire Chilcott and sisters have had a hot air furnace placed in their basement which seems to give good satisfaction thus far and certainly quite a convenience and comfort as well.

D. K. Coder has promised before witness that if we come down he will explain why he keeps his water tank standing on end. As we know "Dan" to be a man of his word, we will be sure of two things if we happen there at the right time, viz: a square meal and learning something we don't know.

Miles Saylor had the misfortune to fall off a load of ties last week and the one wheel to run over both legs, but fortunately it is thought there were no bones broken.

A number of folks down the valley availed themselves of the favorable weather and harvested a good lot of ice of a superior quality.

If the party who lost a cuff last Sunday night calls on Thompson Boring they can get the same without cost by identifying it.

The impostor, who traveled through this valley some two weeks ago, was recognized by Mrs. Newton, Wright as the same lad that passed through the valley some eleven years ago. At that time as well as this he claimed to be able to cure most of the ills that flesh is heir to, and succeeded then as well as now in duping some people. As far as heard of Miss Samantha Pheasant is the only victim this trip. He is supposed to be the same man that was arrested about New Grenada for larceny. If so it is to be hoped that Judge Woods will have the opportunity of sending him to an institution in the western part of the state where we have no account of the counterfeiting business carried on.

A letter from "Aunt Katy Foust," as many people call her, informs me that she arrived at her home in Reynoldsville about a month ago; that she has passed through a turn of the grip and is now quite well, also that her son, Dr. J. W. Foust is enjoying better health than he has for years.

LATTA RUN.

Miss Malva Dell is sufferiug with a bealed finger.

Effie Dell has returned home and is going to school.

Myrtle Querry made a business trip to Mapleton last week.

Isaac Querry and wife, of Mapleton, spent Sunday at the former's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Querry spent Christmas in Trough Creek.

George David and family, of Mill Creek, spent Sunday at the home of Isaac Dell.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Querry and Mrs. Bouse Querry visited friends in Langdondale recently.

Misses Clara Taylor and Blanche Wright drove to Allensville Sunday to visit the latter's sister.

Anderson Dell, who has been spending the winter in Mapleton, spent Xmas under the parental roof.

A party of twenty-two searched a portion of Jack's mountain Monday in search of Humphry Chilcote. As yet nothing has been heard of him.

David Dell, teacher of Latta Grove school, gave his school a supper at his home on Thursday evening. Those present who did not belong to the school were Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Querry, Mr. and Mrs. Bouse Querry, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dell, Misses Annie, Alice and Martha Dell, and Messrs. J. M. Kearn, M. E. Dell and Ora Querry. The evening was spent in various games and music. All report having had a nice time.

Interest on Time Deposits.

The First National Bank of Huntingdon, Pa., the oldest and largest bank in the county, and the thirty-first National bank organized in the United States, will now pay interest on time deposits at the rate of THREE PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

With Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits exceeding $200,000.00 and stockholders liability of $100,000.00, the security offered to depositors by this bank is unexcelled.

If inconvenient to call at the bank, money may be sent by money order, express, registered mail or checks endorsed to our order.

OFFICERS:

William Dorris, President. Wm. M. Phillips, Vice President. O. H. Irwin, Cashier.

DIRECTORS:

William Dorris, William M. Phillips, S. R. Shumaker, Thos. F. Bailey, Wm. H. Sweet, John D. Dorris, Carl M. Gage, E. McC. Africa.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE

OF VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE!

Estate of Marshall P. Truax, deceased.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Huntingdon county, I will offer at public sale at the Court House in Huntingdon, Pa., on

Thursday, January 14, 1904,

at 1.30 o'clock P. M., the following real estate, to wit;

No. 1. A certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Mapleton, Huntingdon county, Pa., fronting 45 feet on Main street and extending back about 280 feet to Spring street, bounded on the east by lot of Sarah C. Truax, and on the west by an alley, having thereon erected a 2-story Frame Dwelling House and a small frame dwelling house and other improvements.

No. 2. A certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Mapleton aforesaid, fronting 37½ feet on Main street and extending back 100 feet to an alley, bounded on the east by lot of Julia B. Dell, and an the west by lot of George L. Smith, having thereon erected a 2 story Frame Store Building, a Warehouse and other improvements.

No. 3. A certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Mapleton aforesaid, fronting about 100 feet on Ridge street and extending back about 170 feet to land of M. F. Campbell's heirs, bounded on the south by lot of R. C. Fields, and on the north by lot of B. F. Baker, having thereon erected a 2-story Frame Dwelling House and other improvements.

No. 4. A certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Mapleton aforesaid, fronting about 86 feet on Main street and extending back about 119 feet to an alley, bounded on the east by Penna. R. R. Co.'s tie yard and on the west by lot of William F. Gillam, having thereon erected a 2-story Frame Dwelling House and other improvements, and known as the McHugh property.

Terms of Sale—Cash; or one-third of the purchase money to be paid when sale is confirmed, one-third in one year, and one-third in two years thereafter, to be secured with interest by judgment notes of the parchaser.

H. H. SWOPE, Administrator, Mapleton Depot, Pa.

J. R. & W. B. Simpson. Attorneys, Huntingdon, Pa. 12-23-tf

Central Banking Co.
MOUNT UNION, PA.

T. H. ADAMS, President
W. T. BELL, Cashier

Discount Day—Wednesday

Stockholders Individually Liable.

UNION NATIONAL BANK
OF HUNTINGDON.
No. 113 Fourth St.

K. ALLEN LOVELL, President.
E. M. GREENE, Vice President.
R. J. MATTERN, Cashier
DIRECTORS.
J. C. Hazlett, E. M. Greene, R. J. Mattern
K. A. Lovell and John White.
Regular Discount Day—WEDNESDAY.

Deposits received subject to check. Collections made in all parts of the world, and a regular banking business transacted. Accounts with corporations, firms, individuals, and the business public generally, opened on most favorable terms. B13z.

STANDING STONE NATIONAL BANK
OF HUNTINGDON, PA.,
No. 412 Penn St.

OFFICERS:
JOHN BREWSTER. President.
H. B. BRUMBAUGH, Vice President.
A. J. McCAHAN, Cashier.
DIRECTORS:
J. G. Gillam, L. M. Hagerty, C. R. McCarthy
J. H. Brumbaugh, Geo. W. Sanderson,
John Brewster, H. B. Brumbaugh.
Discount Day—Wednesday.

We solicit your account and will give your business prompt, accurate and considerate attention.
Telephone No. 82. 5-28-02-yr.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
MOUNT UNION, PA.
Capital, $25,000. Surplus, $2,500.

Officers:
A. B. Gillam, President.
T. A. Appleby, Vice President.
G. B. M. Kepler, Cashier,
Directors:
A. B. Gillam, T. A. Appleby, C. B. Bush, M. D., Benj. O'Connor, Bruce Yocum, R. B. Campbell, W. G. Ewing, M. W. Isenberg, W. J. Campbell, M. D.

Household individual banks furnished on application.
A general banking business done.
Interest allowed on time deposits.
Drafts issued on the principal commercial cities.
Absolute safety of investment and courteous treatment of patrons are assured to he public, whose patronage is respectully invited.

W. C. WILSON, D. D. S.,
Successor to Dr. G. L. Robb,
509 Washington St., Huntingdon, Pa.

Careful attention given to every branch of the profession. Special attention to Crown and Bridge Work. For painless extraction, NITROUS OXIDE GAS or LOCAL ANÆSTHETICS administered.
Telephone connection. 8-1-00-tf

Subscrbie for the ITEM; $1 a year.

Our Great Guarantee; Satisfaction or Money Back.

Begin the New Year Right!

By buying your clothing and gents furnishings from the fashionable clothiers.

Watch this space for weekly change of Advertisement.

J. G. ISENBERG & SON,
ALWAYS RELIABLE,
HUNTINGDON, - - PENNA.

G. W. Wright. L. M. Dell.

Wright & Dell.

While we do not change our advertisement nor quote prices each week, yet we are changing goods with the seasons, always keeping in line both in goods and prices as our constantly increasing trade will attest.

Our customers find that they can get what they want right here, and they find that our goods are right and our prices are right.

We thank you for your patronage and solicit a continuance of the same.

Very respectfully,
WRIGHT & DELL,
Mapleton Depot, Pa.
August 10, 1903.

May, 1884. **B. O'Connor & Sons.** Oct., 1903.

NEXT WEEK WE WILL HAVE IN

Our Fall and Winter Stock OF Men's Women's Youths' Children's LEATHER AND RUBBER FOOTWEAR.

The stock was bought from the largest manufacturers and jobbers in the country. Bought for net spot cash, and we will promise you the best value for your money.

Remember, we sell Boots and Shoes at lowest profit.

We also call your attention to our Bed Comfortables—bed spreads, blankets, pillows, &c., &c.

If you need a

HEATING or COOK STOVE

get our prices before you buy. Sure to save you money.

Fodder Twine, Shingles, Tar Roofing, Lime, in fact we have the largest variety of goods in town.

If we should not have what you want, will try to get it for you. LOWEST PRICES.

B. O'Connor & Sons.

Mapleton Depot, Pa., Sep. 30, 1903.

ADVERTISE IN THE ITEM.

The Mapleton Item.

Mpleton Depot, Pa., Dec. 30, 1903.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 29, 1903.

	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly. Night	D'ly. A.M.	D ly. A.M.	D'ly. A. M	D'ly ex S. P.M.
New York:						
W. 23d St. Sta.	7 55	12 10	. . .	. . .	8 55	5 55
Desb's St. Sta.	8 00	12 15	. . .	. . .	9 00	6 00
Cort'dtSt. Sta.	8 00	12 15	. . .	. . .	9 00	6 00
Philadelphia	11 40	4 25	7 10	11 40	11 40	5 30
Washington	10 40	. . .	7 50	. . .	10 50	5 40
Baltimore	11 55	4 44	8 52	. . .	12 00	7 00

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Harrisburg	2 50	8 00	11 48	. .	3 10	5 20	11 35
Rockville	. .	8 12	11 59	.	. .	5 32	10 46
Marysville	f3 04	8 17	12 03	. .	. .	5 37	10 49
Duncannon	f3 18	8 35	12 16	. .	3 35	5 54	11 03
Newport	f3 40	9 05	12 37	. .	3 55	6 22	11 25
Millerst'wn	. .	9 14	f12 45	. .	. .	6 32	f11 34
Thom's't'n	. .	9 25	f12 53	. .	. .	6 22	f11 42
Port Royal	f4 13	9 43	f 1 07	. .	f4 22	6 59	f11 57
Mifflin	4 18	9 48	1 11	. .	4 27	7 05	12 01
Lewist'n Jc.	4 40	10 14	1 30	. .	4 46	7 28	12 22
McVeytown	f5 02	10 39	1 48	. .	J5 04	7 52	. .
N. Hamilt'n	f5 21	11 01	f 2 04	. .	. .	8 12	. .
Mt. Union	f5 27	11 07	2 08	. .	5 25	8 18	. .
Mapleton	f5 33	11 13	f 2 14	. .	. .	8 25	. .
Huntingdon	5 50	11 32	2 29	. .	5 44	8 43	. .
Petersburg	f6 07	11 47	2 43	. .	. .	8 57	. .
Birm'gham	f6 35	12 13	3 07	. .	H6 14	9 19	. .
Tyrone	6 42	12 20	3 12	. .	6 19	9 25	. .
Bellwood	7 07	12 41	3 29	. .	6 37	9 42	. .
Altoona	7 30	1 00	3 45	. .	6 55	10 00	. .
Pittsburg	12 10	5 50	8 45	. .	10 45	1 50	. .
	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.

"J" stops on signal to discharge passengers from Harrisburg and east and south of Harrisburg.

"H" stops on signal to let off passengers from points east and south of Harrisburg, and to take on passengers for Pittsburg and beyond.

Additional trains leave Harrisburg for Altoona and Pittsburg as follows: 1.35, 2.41, 11.45 a.m., 12.55, 2.53, 3.05, 7.20, 9.48, 11.05 and 11.55 p. m. daily.

	Week days. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly P.M.
Pittsburg	. . .	3 00	3 00	8 00	. .	12 45	4 55
Altoona	5 00	6 25	7 05	11 43	1 50	5 55	9 05
Bellwood	f5 12	. .	7 20	m11 55	2 04	6 10	9 19
Tyrone	5 24	6 47	7 38	12 06	2 20	6 27	9 33
Birm'gham	f5 28	. .	7 43	g12 10	2 25	6 32	P9 38
Petersburg	f5 46	. .	8 07	. .	2 48	f6 56	. .
Huntingdon	5 57	7 17	8 20	12 37	3 02	7 10	10 12
Mapleton	f6 11	. .	8 36	. .	3 19	7 24	. .
Mt. Union	f6 17	. .	8 42	m12 56	3 26	7 29	f10 32
N. Hamilton	f6 22	. .	8 46	. .	3 32	7 34	. .
McVeytown	6 40	. .	9 05	m1 16	3 53	f7 51	. .
Lewist'n Jc.	7 00	f8 05	9 27	1 35	4 18	8 10	11 16
Mifflin	7 22	. .	9 48	m1 52	4 42	8 30	f11 37
Port Royal	7 27	. .	9 52	. .	4 48	8 34	. .
Thom's't'n	7 42	. .	10 08	. .	5 07	f8 48	. .
Millerstown	7 51	. .	10 18	. .	5 17	f8 57	. .
Newport	8 00	. .	10 28	. .	5 29	9 05	. .
Duncannon	8 27	. .	10 52	. .	5 57	f9 29	. .
Marysville	8 44	. .	11 07	. .	6 15	f9 43	. .
Rockville	8 48	. .	11 12	. .	6 22	f9 48	. .
Harrisburg	9 00	9 30	11 25	3 10	6 35	10 00	1 00

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M,	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Baltimore	12 15	12 15	*3 11	6 00	9 45	2 20	7 15
Washington	1 20	1 20	*4 20	7 15	. .	3 30	8 30
Philadelphia	11 48	12 17	*3 17	6 23	10 47	4 23	4 23
New York:							
Desb's St.	2 03	2 53	*5 53	9 30	3 53	. .	7 13
Cort'dt St.	2 03	2 53	*5 53	9 30	3 53	. .	7 13
W. 23d St.	2 15	3 00	*6 00	9 40	. .	. .	7 15
	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.

Additional trains leave Pittsburg for Altoona, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia as follows: 3.35, 7.15 and 7.30 a. m., 12.01, 4.59, 7.10, 9.00 and 10 00 p. m. daily.

*Week days only. "g" stops to let off passengers from Pittsburg and beyond, and to take on passengers for Harrisburg and beyond. "f" stops only on signal, or notice to agent or conductor, to receive or discharge passengers.

"m" passenger section will stop on signal to discharge or receive passengers.

"p" stops to discharge passengers from East Liberty, Pittsburg and beyond.

Connecting trains leave as follows:

At Lewistown Junction—For Sunbury 7.30 a. m. and 3.00 p. m. week days.

For McClure 7.30 a. m., 3.00 and 6.10 p. m. weekdays.

For Milroy 7.40 a. m., 1.50 and 4 50 p. m. week days.

For Reedsville 7.40 a. m., 1.50, 4.50 and 5.25 p. m. week days.

At Huntingdon—For Bedford and Cumberland 8:35 a. m. and 5.55 p. m. week days. Bedford only 8:35 a. m. Sundays.

At Tyrone—For Clearfield, Curwensville and Grampain, 8.00 a. m., 3 55 and 6.50 p. m. week days, and 8.00 a m. Sundays.

For Bellefonte and Lock Haven 8.10 a. m., 12.25 and 7.00 p. m. week days. 8.10 a. m. Sundays.

For Scotia 7.50 a. m. and 2.50 p. m. week days.

PENNSYLVANIA AND NORTHWESTERN R. R.

Trains leave Bellwood for Punxsutawney 8.00 a. m. and 3.38 p. m. week days, arrive at Bellwood at 11.08 a. m. and 5.44 p. m. week days.

For rates, maps and detailed information, call on Ticket Agents, or address Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western District, 360 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

W. W. ATTERBURY, General Manager
J. R. WOOD, Pass'r Traffic Manager.
GEO. W. BOYD, General Passenger Agent.

EAST BROAD TOP RAILROAD.

Schedule in Effect September 28, 1903

NORTH	Mail No. 1 A.M	Mail No. 3 P.M.	Irreg. No. 5 A.M.	Irreg. No. 7 P.M.
Robertsdale	6 05	12 35	8 30	4 30
Cook's	6 15	12 45	8 42	4 40
Martin's	6 20	12 50	8 46	4 44
Rocky Ridge	6 25	12 55	8 50	4 48
Cole's	6 35	1 00	8 55	4 53
Kimmell	6 43	1 07	9 03	5 00
Saltillo	7 02	1 32	9 25	5 18
Three Springs	7 08	1 40	9 33	5 25
Pogue	7 20	1 55	9 53	5 38
Booher Junction	7 30	2 05	10 00	5 46
Orbisonia	7 40	2 15	10 10	5 50
Shirley	7 55	2 30	10 25	. .
Augh. Mills	8 05	2 40	10 35	. .
Mount Union	8 25	3 00	10 55	. .
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.

SOUTH	Mail No. 2 a.m.	Mail No. 4 p.m.	Irreg. No. 6 a.m.	Irreg. No. 8 a.m.
Mount Union	9 00	4 00	. .	11 25
Augh. Mills	9 17	4 18	. .	11 42
Shirley	9 30	4 30	. .	11 53
Orbisonia	9 50	4 55	5 35	1 35
Booher Junction	s10 00	5 00	5 39	1 40
Pogue	10 07	5 08	5 45	1 55
Three Springs	10 22	5 25	5 57	2 07
Saltillo	10 30	5 35	6 03	2 14
Kimmel	†10 50	5 55	6 23	2 33
Cole's	11 00	6 05	6 35	2 43
Martin's	†11 11	6 15	6 43	2 54
Rocky Ridge	†11 05	6 10	6 39	2 50
Cook's	11 17	6 20	6 48	2 58
Robertsdale	11 30	6 30	7 00	3 01
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

WEST Irreg. No. 12 p.m.	Mail No. 10 a.m.	STATIONS	EAST Irreg. No. 9 a.m.	Mail No. 11 p.m
5 00	6 20	L. . Orbisonia . . A	7 20	6 00
5 08	6 27	. *Blacklog .	7 31	5 53
5 16	6 35	. *Cedar Rock .	7 05	5 45
5 19	6 38	. *Locke Valley.	7 02	5 42
5 25	6 45	. *Shade Gap .	6 55	5 35

All trains run daily except Sunday.

The Company reserves the right to vary from the above Time-Table without notice.

Standard Time—75th Meridian, or Eastern time.

R. S. SEIBERT, General Manager.

FOR SALE—A good Brick House with seven rooms, lot 50x150 feet, situate in Mapleton Borough. ALSO two lots 50x150, each adjoining the above lot. A good chance either for a home or investment. These lots are all planted with the choicest fruit trees and vines, it being the George Godard homestead. Inquire of or write B. FRANK GODARD, executor, Huntingdon, Pa.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Jan. 3: "The Kind of Growth I Need In 1904" (The Morning Watch Enrollment—Eph. iv, 11-16.

The growth set forth by the apostle is twofold. It is the increase of the person in his individual life of confidence in Christ and Christly knowledge. The end to be attained is the stature of a full grown manhood in spirit. This is the maturity of Christian faith and experience. Not that any two persons will be exactly alike any more than two full grown men are physically alike. Variety in religious experience and knowledge will be marked. Uniformity is no more to be desired nor sought in spiritual life than in bodily appearance. Frederick as emperor of Germany may prefer a bodyguard of men all of whom shall be giants in stature, but he will never succeed in making all his subjects six feet tall.

I ought to grow up in Christ in all things until I am full grown.

There is such a thing as family resemblance so that children show a general likeness in features and form to each other and to parents. In some cases this is very marked. Sometimes twins look so much alike that only intimate friends can tell them apart. So in spiritual matters. We come to be and speak and think and do the same as Christ and God, our Father. Our resemblance to each other and to Him increases as we go on in this way of living. Yet must Jesus ever be our elder brother, the first begotten of God. We are privileged to grow up into Him until we attain to the measure of the stature of His fullness.

Beside this personal and individual growth there is a community life in which we have part. The "body of Christ" it is called by Paul. It is composed of all those who love and serve Him. He is described as the head, and all others appear as parts of the body. This is a favorite figure of speech with the apostle. He regards some as eyes, others as ears or hands or feet. Each has some place and some part to perform in the church. No one is to despise another because his appointed work is not the same as that other's. Each is to esteem and honor the other. The work of each is needful for the success of all.

Personal advance and growth can only be in union with the progress of all the rest.

The growth needed by each in 1904 is such as shall best develop a symmetrical personality and a united church. Special needs peculiar to each case must be studied by each one for himself. Careful self examination will be required for this. In some particulars all are alike and require the same things. As in the body all parts are sustained and nourished in common and disease in one part affects all, while strength in one part assails all others to maintain health, so in the church of Jesus Christ there are graces and gifts of which all partake and to which each must contribute.

It may be well to itemize some particular needs.

First.—I need to grow in steadiness of aim. I am Christ's. I must hold steady inside to that one purpose to be like Him, to be His in every way and everywhere and at all times. This is the inner life.

Second.—I must grow more skillful in His work to speak and do for Him in all ways possible.

Third.—I must grow in knowledge of Him and His world.

Fourth.—I must grow in ability to get and give for Him and His.

CASSVILLE.

Dr. Adler and wife, of Philadelphia, are spending the holidays in Cassville. They have a wide circle of friends here who are glad to welcome them.

J. W. Heaton and wife entertained some of their friends on Christmas day.

Mrs. Kate Shaffer gave a dinner on Saturday evening to the friends and schoolmates of her only son, Oscar, who was called home to Heaven a few years ago. It is a beautiful thought to make life brighter for those about us in memory of our loved ones.

Mrs. A. J. Hamilton has gone to Montoursville to visit her daughter, Mrs. Van Horn.

The entertainment by the Methodist Sunday school was a success from start to finish. The children performed their parts beautifully. The music was in charge of Miss Hamilton and Mrs. Heaton. A solo by Miss May Stever was finely rendered. Pastor Strain was made happy by a handsome lamp and a well filled purse, while the ladies made and presented a beautiful "friendship" quilt to Mrs. Strain who is deeply grateful. The tree was filled with gifts for one and all.

Mrs. Kate Bixler Baker, who died on Friday, was buried on Sunday, her pastor, Rev. Fleck, having charge of the service. Mrs. Baker was a consistent member of the Lutheran church for many years. She had a fine intellect and was very familiar with the Bible. She was of a refined nature and deeply spiritual, endeavoring to rear her children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. For some years she had been in ill health but was still a loving, patient, Christian mother and will be sadly missed in the home she leaves. Before death came she sang sweetly, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and we know she is happy now in the better land. Her husband and nine children survive her.

—A marriage license was granted in Blair county to Archie M. Lockard and Bertha M. Civils, both of Altoona.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—

(Estate of Richard Chilcott, deceased.)

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Richard Chilcott, late of Union township, Huntingdon county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

E. S. CHILCOTT, Executor,
Colfox, Pa.

K. A. Lovell, Atty.
Huntingdon, Pa. 12-9-6t

FOR SALE.—A good swell body cutter. Price $10. It can be seen at my farm near Mill Creek. Also a sitting-room stove, good as new, will burn either wood or coal. Price $8.00.

ELMER U. HAMILTON,
December 29, 1903. tf. Mill Creek, Pa.

Stage - Route

—BETWEEN—

Cassville - and - Mapleton.

The undersigned will run his hack between Cassville and Mapleton on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays leaving Cassville at 7.30 o'clock A. M., and leaving Mapleton at one P. M. unless notified to wait for afternoon trains. The patronage of the public solicited.

J. FRANK PARK.

Are You Thinking

Of getting married? If you are buy your wedding ring at Zerby's Jewelry Store, 516 Penn street, Huntingdon, Pa.

To the Good People

Of Mapleton and Vicinity.

I want to say that the Heidel Furniture Co. having dissolved, I have purchased the entire stock, leases and accounts of the same and will continue the sale of

Furniture, Stoves, Carpets

and a full line of general merchandise at the same place.

Furniture, Stoves, Carpets and many other goods sold on the installment plan, or for cash as may suit the purchaser. A call to see our goods is solicited.

T. A. APPLEBY,
Water Street,
Mount Union, Pa.

FISHER'S Mother's Bread

Only the best flour and materials are used, and it is

Absolutely Pure,

mixed (like all other bread) by the latest improved mixing machines, which guarantee perfect cleanliness, and baked by only skillful bakers in our modern bake shop. If you have not tried it, ask your grocer or stop our wagons which are on the streets all day.

We will also bake our usual line of Bread and Rolls which it has always been our aim to have pure, clean and wholesome.

As to cakes, would say they are made by skilled bakers, and only fresh country butter and eggs are used.

Ask for and eat Fisher's Mother's Bread.

Fisher's
Penn Street Bakery,
Huntingdon, Pa.

FOUND!

100-pc. Dinner Sets

In different decorations

$7.00 to $15.00.

A lot of heavy Gold Band Cups, Saucers and Plates

At 10 Cents

An assortment of Toilet Sets, $1.50 to $5.00

Wood and Iron Wagons, Child's Doll Coaches, Carts and Chair Carts, Pillow Sham Holders; also a full line of Tin, Granite, Wooden and Willow ware, Crocks, 1 pt. to 1 gal. at

Yocum's Novelty

Near Postoffice,

Huntingdon, Penna.

William Reed & Sons

Santa Claus

HAS A BIG JOB ON HANDS THIS WEEK

But This Store Is Ready to Make His Work Easy.

Everyone who comes here says the only trouble lies in the fact that there is so much to choose from. But tastes are many and circumstances varied, and we've tried to be ready for all. Any reasonable want may be satisfied in this big store. If you want to be infused with the Christmas spirit come often to visit it.

Many new things have come since the opening. So many things there are, all worthy of space, that it is hard to know where to begin.

DO NOT FORGET THAT IN ALL THIS HOLIDAY RUSH THE REGULAR BUSINESS IS NOT BEING NEGLECTED.

There are some hitches of course but things go smoothly, considering the rush, and will take good care of you if you want but a spool of thread.

We're Having a Big

Special Sale of Coats

PRICES HAVE BEEN CUT IN HALF

In many lines of suits and coats. There are not many of these and the values are fine, extraordinary in frct, so hurry along if you would profit by these prices.

Nothing better than a fine fur for a present. Our stock needs no further comment than an invitation to come and see it. A big room full is here for you to choose from.

Wm. Reed & Sons,

Huntingdon, Pa.

Prices are Reduced

ALL THROUGH THE STORE.

In order to make room for new goods now coming in, we have reduced prices on all Dress Goods.

Dress Goods that was 25c yd., reduced to 15c yd.
Best Calicos reduced to 5c and 6c per yd.
Ginghams reduced to 5c and 6c per yd.
Muslin, yd wide, from 5c to 8c per yard.

BOYS' SUITS, Ages 5 to 12 Years

Regular prices ranged from $1.25 to $3.50; will be sold regardless of cost. Persons desiring to buy Boys' Suits have the opportunity here of receiving double value for their money. Come early as they will not be here long at the greatly reduced prices at which we are offering them.

GROCERIES.

Package Coffee,	11c per pound.
Loose Coffee,	15c per pound.
Granulated Sugar,	5½c per pound.
Soft White Sugar,	5c per pound.
EVAPORATED FRUIT.	
Extra Fine Peaches,	10c per pound.
Apricots,	10c per pound.
Best California Prunes	10c per pound.

Visit our store and examine goods. You will find prices right.

Main St J. G. GILLAM, Mapleton.

DO YOU NEED FURNITURE?

Styles change in Furniture as in all things else. Up-to-date Furniture is what everybody wants. Antique is all right for show but modern is desired for use.

We invite you to inspect

A MODERN FURNITURE STORE

the stock of which comprises everything necessary for furnishing the new home.

The goods are first-class in every respect and we will take pleasure in showing them to you.

Watch this space for our announcements.

LOGAN BROS.,

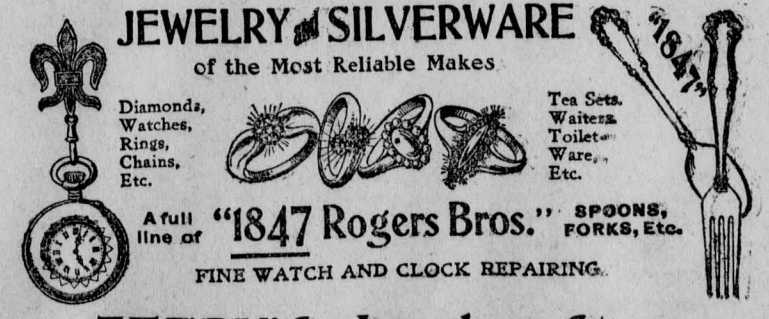
Brumbaugh Building,

PENN ST. HUNTINGDON, PA.

FOR CHRISTMAS

JEWELRY and SILVERWARE

of the Most Reliable Makes



Diamonds, Watches, Rings, Chains, Etc.

Tea Sets, Waiters, Toilet Ware, Etc.

A full line of **"1847 Rogers Bros."** SPOONS, FORKS, Etc.

FINE WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIRING.

ZERBY'S Jewelry Store,

Huntingdon, Penna.

SCORES KILLED IN WRECK

Baltimore and Ohio Train in Frightful Crash.

DUQUESNE LIMITED IN RUINS

Ran Into Timbers Left by a Freight Train — Steam From the Locomotive Gushes Into the Smoker, Scalding All the Passengers in a Terrible Manner—Every Occupant Killed.

Connellsville, Pa.—One of the worst wrecks in the history of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad occurred at Laurel Run, eight miles west of Connellsville, on the Pittsburg Division of the Baltimore and Ohio. The "Duquesne Limited," the fastest train on the road, was wrecked, killing sixty, fatally injuring eighteen and slightly injuring more than fifty.

The wreck was caused by the breaking of the casings on a carload of bridge timber on a freight train that passed Laurel Run not more than fifteen minutes before the arrival of the Duquesne Limited. The freight proceeded without noticing the accident, and the express train, running at a speed of more than sixty miles an hour, crashed into the timbers before the engineer even had time to apply the emergency brakes.

The baggage car was thrown over the embankment into the Youghiogheny River, and the smoker, which contained more than forty passengers, was thrown over the engine. The steam dome of the engine was broken, and the escaping steam and water filled the car, scalding the passengers.

Every occupant of the car was dead before the rescuers reached the scene of the wreck. The train contained six cars, one baggage, one smoker, one sleeper and a dining car, all of which were badly wrecked. Engineer William Thornley and Fireman Cook were caught under the wrecked engine. The tracks are completely torn up, and traffic over the road cannot be entirely resumed for at least a day.

Nearly all the passengers in the smoker were bound for Philadelphia. Many of them were to take passage on an ocean liner for the old country. Not one of these escaped alive.

The known dead are: Engineer William Thornley, of Hazelwood, Pa.; Division Engineer S. G. Heater, of Hazelwood; Fireman Thomas Cook, of Hazelwood; Herbert Holmes, of Emmelton, Pa.; Jesse Hines, of Tarborough, N. C.; Charles Lindford, of Confluence, Pa.; —— Edwards, Pittsburg; J. W. Martin, Hancock, Md.; Richard Duckett, Baltimore; Edison Goldsmith, Connellsville.

The other dead are mostly foreigners and negroes who were riding in the smoking car. The smoker was packed to its utmost capacity and all the passengers were cooked alive.

For more than 500 feet both the east and west bound tracks are torn up. The engine was completely demolished and the big 7000-gallon tank on the tender was thrown 100 feet ahead of the other wreckage. The baggage car was thrown into the river, but was only slightly wrecked.

All the cars were derailed, and the trucks of all except the diner were torn completely from underneath the cars. Few people were badly hurt in the Pullman cars, and the diners, although few escaped without at least some injury.

As soon as the wreck was reported in Connellsville all the available physicians were summoned, including Baltimore and Ohio Railroad physicians.

So terrific was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger suffered a moment's unconsciousness, and many of the men unhurt were unable to assist in helping the injured from the wreck on account of having fainted.

BANK'S MONEY IN SPECULATION.

Charges Cause a Receiver to Be Appointed.

Hartford, Conn.—Upon the application of Mrs. Ella S. Russell, of Killingly, wife of the late Congressman Charles A. Russell, Judge Gager, of the Superior Court, appointed a temporary receiver for the Windham County National Bank, of Danielson. All parties in interest consented to the appointment, but the officers of the bank deny the allegations of speculating with the funds of the bank, as charged in the complaint.

In the complaint it is charged that Comfort B. Burlingame, president of the bank; Charles P. Backus, cashier, and James Perkins, John A. Paine and Albert Putnam, directors, formed a syndicate in 1899 to speculate in stocks upon borrowed money, and that they used money of the bank to a considerable extent. Later, it is said, other partnerships or syndicates were formed, all of which borrowed and used money of the bank.

CANNOT GET YOSEMITE WATER

San Francisco $39,000,000 Plan Vetoed by Interior Department.

Washington, D. C.—The Secretary of the Interior refused the application of the city of San Francisco for permission to begin the necessary construction toward obtaining a water supply from the Yosemite National Park. The city proposed to expend about $39,000,000 on the water works.

The action of the department is based on the fact that the organic act creating the park requires the Government to keep it in its natural condition.

THE CORNING WRECKED

Sound Steamer Quickly Sinks After Striking Reef.

Thrilling Experiences of Party In a Lifeboat That Reach Shore After Hours of Suffering.

South Norwalk, Conn.—While two or three miles out of her course, the Erastus Corning, of the Starin line, from New Haven to New York, struck a jagged reef known as Copp's Rocks, just outside Norwalk Harbor, and sank in fifteen feet of water. There were twenty passengers on board and twelve members of the crew. All of these were saved, but not until six of the passengers, four of them women in scanty attire, had spent a night of terror on the Sound in a leaky boat.

The steamer lies in the midst of the group of jagged rocks constituting Copp's Reef, with a hole eight feet square on her starboard side just beneath her pilothouse, and a sharp rock, which penetrated her ancient hull, protruding into her hold, which is filled with water.

How the boat could get so far out of her course on a night which was comparatively clear and with the guiding beacons in plain view both ahead and astern has not been explained. The steamer had just left behind her the light on Pendleton Reef, one of the leading lights of the Sound. Scarcely a mile ahead from the point where she struck is the Norwalk light on Smith's Island, with tell-tale flash of red and white to warn the mariner of danger.

All the passengers and most of the crew, except W. W. Daboll, the pilot, who had the watch; Frederick Stevens, a deck hand, who was on lookout, and the engineer and a fireman, were in their berths asleep.

Suddenly there was a tremendous crash and a grinding noise from the bottom of the steamer, and the next moment she began to settle. Several of the passengers were thrown from their berths by the force of the collision. Others who were awakened by the shock and by the cries of the crew who were sent below to rouse and warn the sleepers jumped out of their berths, only to find themselves waist deep in the fast incoming water.

There was no time to dress, and the passengers made a wild rush for the deck. Here in the darkness they heard the grating sound of the rocks against the hull of the ship and felt her reeling and continuing to settle, and a wild panic ensued.

Three lifeboats were lowered. All were leaky, and one of them filled completely with water shortly after it had been launched, and in this and one other the occupants had narrow escapes from being drowned.

One of the lifeboats had broken the painter with which it was secured to the Corning, and drifted away in the darkness. In it were six passengers, four of them women. All were barefoot, and two of the women wore nothing but their nightgowns.

The occupants of this tiny craft, which, like the other boats, was so leaky that it was necessary to keep bailing the water out all the time to prevent it from sinking, spent a thrilling night before they were rescued shortly before daybreak the following morning. Borne by the strong tide and the southwesterly wind the boat drifted eastward until it struck on a sand reef a mile and a half west of Frost Point, seven miles from the scene of the wreck. Here it was discovered by William Matthias, a farmer, who was driving along the shore road.

When the passengers were brought ashore they were benumbed with cold, and what little clothing they had on their bodies was frozen stiff. They were utterly unable to walk, and were driven in a carriage to Mr. Mitchell's lodge on the Sooysmith estate, where they were thawed out, fed and given clothing enough to enable them to proceed to their homes.

The other passengers who had remained on the wreck were taken off by the Addie V., a tiny Norwalk tug, which made several trips to the wreck.

The Erastus Corning is of 250 tons burden and about 117 feet long. She was one of the oldest boats on the Sound.

MILLIONS FOR INSULAR NEEDS.

Secretary Root Asks For $2,526,100 For Defense.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Root has forwarded to the House of Representatives, through the Treasury Department, a supplemental estimate of $2,526,100 for the defense of the insular possessions of the United States. In his request, the Secretary says:

"Defenses for Porto Rico, the Hawaiian Islands, Guam and the Philippines are urgently needed to protect the newly acquired territory of the United States and Government property to be stored there; also to prevent interruption of cable communication between San Francisco, the territory of Hawaii and Manila. This estimate is submitted with the object of beginning the construction of these defenses at once at such insular localities as are now the property of the United States, or may become so before the appropriation is exhausted, and of acquiring additional land needed as sites for defenses of the territory of Hawaii."

Robbers Repulsed.

Two masked burglars, heavily armed, made an attempt to enter the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Wilmington Railroad tower at Linwood, Pa., but were repulsed by the operator, A. C. Coslett, after a fusillade of shots had been exchanged. The robbers were captured two hours after the attempt to enter the tower and taken to Chester.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Lawrence O. Murray, of Chicago, Ill., has been chosen Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Attorney-General Knox has approved titles for the property on the square selected as the site for an office building for the House of Representatives.

Secretary Cortelyou has ordered the deportation of the skilled glassblowers from Stourbridge, England, who were detained at Ellis Island under the Alien Contract law.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson, United States General Agent of Education in Alaska, denies the statement attributed to him concerning slavery in the Aleutian Islands.

The State Department has recognized Nathaniel Brandon as Vice-Consul of Panama at New York, and Juan Francisco Arias as Consul of Panama at Mobile, Ala.

Senator Daniel spoke in support of the Hoar Panama resolution.

A resolution authorizing the Committee on Expenditures in the Postoffice Department to call for papers connected with the postal investigation was adopted by a vote of 109 to 100.

Representative Morrell, of Pennsylvania, has introduced a bill granting a rebate of fifteen per cent. of tariff duties on goods brought to and from the Philippine Islands in American ships.

Elihu Root, Secretary of War, testified before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs that General Leonard Wood's acts in Cuba had been approved by the War Department.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

Ladrones recently looted the municipal treasury in Bosoboso, in Luzon, P. I. They captured the presidente and cut the tendons of his heels. The constabulary pursued them and recovered part of the funds.

Major-General MacArthur, who has been studying the defenses of the Hawaiian Islands, sailed for the United States on the Pacific Mail steamship Siberia.

Governor Taft has left Manila, P. I., for the United States. He will visit Tokio en route to meet the Mikado at the request of the latter. He will be tendered a reception by the citizens upon his arrival at Honolulu.

The agreement for the sale of the friar lands in the Philippines has been signed, to take effect in six months, this time being allowed for surveys and examination of titles.

Alonzo Cruzen, the Puerto Rican Collector of Customs, resigned as the result of the smuggling scandal.

The Philippine Commission has named Beekman Winthrop as a Judge of the Court of First Instance. He has been assistant executive secretary.

An agreement has been reached between General Taft and the friars by which the United States will acquire the friar lands for the sum of $7,210,000 gold.

A record-breaking trip from Manila to Washington has been arranged for Governor Taft.

A number of friends of ex-President Woz y Gil landed at San Juan, P. R., and expressed the opinion that the United States would be forced soon to intervene in the island.

DOMESTIC.

Ten persons, none of them union officials, who took part in the recent car strike, were indicted for assault at Chicago, Ill.

By a premature explosion of dynamite at the Union Iron and Steel Furnace at Ironton, O., one man was killed and two hurt, one fatally.

Because a union engineer was discharged 250 employes of the International Salt Company, at South Chicago, Ill., struck, tying up the works.

Jealous of his common law wife, Marie Raasch, Albert Altenhofen, a saloonkeeper, killed her on a crowded street in Chicago, Ill., and then killed himself.

Mayor Fleischmann, of Cincinnati, Ohio, conferred with the Humane Society regarding putting to death dogs running at large. The Mayor was informed that there are 20,000 stray dogs infesting the streets.

Breeders of Arabian horses have organized and will establish the first stud book in existence for the courser of the desert.

Cleveland's typhoid epidemic has started public agitation for a filter plant like that now being built in Philadelphia.

Federal Commissioner Hall, in Binghamton, N. Y., concluded that the postal laws had been violated in the sale of time recorders, and held Senator G. E. Green for trial on all five indictments. Mr. Green got a stay.

FOREIGN.

The marriage of Princess Alice, daughter of Don Carlos, and wife of Prince Frederick of Schoenburg-Waldenburg, has been dissolved.

The Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament voted $1,750,000 to buy new Krupp quick-firing guns for the army.

The Governor of Alexandretta, Syria, formally apologized to United States Consul Davis for the indignities he suffered.

Russians in Korea were reported to be inclined to resent American activity in Korea.

The British armored cruiser King Alfred was commissioned at Portsmouth for the China station.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Give Mother a Pension.

A certain charitable organization in the city had a request the other day from a young Italian threatened with consumption who wanted help to get back to Italy in the hope of saving his life. An agent was sent to investigate, and, as usual, asked the young man's mother for a list of the members of the family. The blanks furnished for this formality have nine spaces left for children. The agent filled up one blank and still the list went on. She filled two blanks without a word, the list of children stopping at eighteen. When she turned in her report, it embraced the following official recommendation: "That the boy be sent to Italy, and that the mother be recommended to President Roosevelt for a pension."

Labor Shortage in South Africa.

The Transvaal Labor Commission has reported that there is a total shortage of 241,000 laborers in South Africa, the deficiency being chiefly felt in agriculture and mining. There is a shortage of 40,000 men in the railway workings alone.

Over 1500 British vessels plying in Eastern waters are manned by Chinese crews.

Dull But Obliging.

The Globe was dull yesterday. On excuse is, we were coaxed out of printing two items that were of real interest. There is an item in town to-day that would prove a valuable lesson, but we have been coaxed out of printing it. There is nothing disreputable about the item, but women and men have an exaggerated notion of some subjects, and we cannot print the item without feeling mean for a month, so many worthy people have asked us to keep it out.—Atchison Globe.

The total income of all American farmers last year was about $5,500,000,000.

FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. $2 trial bottle and treatise free. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

Japan has 255 people to the square mile; China—usually considered the most densely populated country in the East—has only 236.

Rheumatism's Killing Pain.

Left in quick order after taking 10 doses of Dr. Skirvin's Rheumatic Cure, in tablet form. 25 doses for 25c., postpaid. Dr. Skirvin Co., La Crosse, Wis. [A.C.L.]

A spanking machine is in successful operation in the State Training School at Redwing, Minn.

Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle

No artist has ever seen a painting from his hand on the walls of the Louvre, Paris.

Perfectly simple and simply perfect is dyeing with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES.

The strongest man in the United States Senate is Senator Kearns, of Idaho.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRIEN, 322 Third Avenue, N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

All piano playing in Fort Scott, Kansas, must cease at 9 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Weisslitz, president of the German Womans' Club of Buffalo, N. Y., after doctoring for two years, was finally cured of her kidney trouble by the use of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

Of all the diseases known with which the female organism is afflicted, kidney disease is the most fatal. In fact, unless prompt and correct treatment is applied, the weary patient seldom survives.

Being fully aware of this, Mrs. Pinkham, early in her career, gave careful study to the subject, and in producing her great remedy for woman's ills—**Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound**—made sure that it contained the correct combination of herbs which was certain to control that dreaded disease, **woman's** kidney troubles. The Vegetable Compound acts in harmony with the laws that govern the entire female system, and while there are many so called remedies for kidney troubles, **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the only one especially prepared for women.**

Read What Mrs. Weisslitz Says.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For two years my life was simply a burden, I suffered so with female troubles, and pains across my back and loins. The doctor told me that I had kidney troubles and prescribed for me. For three months I took his medicines, but grew steadily worse. My husband then advised me to try **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound,** and brought home a bottle. It is the greatest blessing ever brought to our home. Within three months I was a changed woman. My pain had disappeared, my complexion became clear, my eyes bright, and my entire system in good shape."—MRS. PAULA WEISSLITZ, 176 Seneca St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Proof that Kidney Trouble can be Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel very thankful to you for the good your medicine has done me. I had doctored for years and was steadily growing worse. I had trouble with my kidneys, and two doctors told me I had Bright's disease; also had falling of the womb, and could not walk a block at a time. My back and head ached all the time, and I was so nervous I could not sleep; had hysteria and fainting spells, was tired all the time, had such a pain in my left side that I could hardly stand at times without putting my foot on something.

"I doctored with several good doctors, but they did not help me any. I took, in all, twelve bottles of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound,** five boxes of **Liver Pills,** and used three packages of **Sanative Wash,** and feel like a new woman, can eat and sleep well, do all my own work, and can walk two miles without feeling over tired. The doctors tell me that my kidneys are all right now. I am so happy to be well, and I feel that I owe it all to your medicine.—MRS. OPAL STRONG, Dalton, Mass.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address Lynn, Mass.

$5000 FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness.
Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

The Ocean Newspaper.

For good or for evil, for better or for worse, the newspaper published on board ship, in some form or other, is a fait accompli. Maritime journalism is still in too immature a state to decide whether it is to be a blessing or a curse, an inestimable convenience to voyagers or a confounded nuisance. While, like its terrene prototype, it will probably develop both good and bad characteristics and possess both advantages, what is quite certain is that it will greatly modify the present conditions of the passenger's life at sea.

The sense of absolute freedom from the ordinary cares and responsibilities of existence, which the restful isolation of a sea voyage conferred, was for most people the principal charm of ocean travel. While a voyage lasted, at all events, it was easy to "put smiling by" all mundane troubles; they might await our landing, but could not break in from the outside world. For the present we could devote ourselves with enthusiasm to inhaling the stimulating, health-giving ocean breeze, to satisfying an unusually vigorous appetite with the sumptuous fare provided to-day on all first-class ships and to enjoying in cosy nook on deck, in music saloon and smoking room, that genial intercourse that life at sea always promotes. — From Cook's Traveler's Gazette.

German Shippingin the East.

The recent report made by the North German Lloyd on its lines to Eastern Asia give an interesting insight into the possible workings of subsidies. During the first years the losses were very heavy, but, beginning with 1896, there was a profit which rose in 1899 to $500,000. Then came the Chinese troubles, and the government began to get its value out of the subsidies. The result was that the loss in 1900 was $6750; in 1901, $122,000, and in 1902, $300,000. These losses are uniformly attributed to the heavy services which have to be rendered by the steamship company to the state in return for subsidies. Among the conditions imposed are fixed routes and calling at particular points, great speed, the carriage of mails, and the prohibition of an agricultural cargo for the return journey.

One of the most prominent of oil magnates in Los Angeles is a woman, who is said to control about half of the whole product.

The French Grand Prix in sculpture provides the successful artist with means of support for four years in Rome or Athens.

Over 1500 British vessels plying in Eastern waters are manned by Chinese. N. Y.—1

Hair Falls

"I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor to stop my hair from falling. One-half a bottle cured me."
J. C. Baxter, Braidwood, Ill.

Ayer's Hair Vigor is certainly the most economical preparation of its kind on the market. A little of it goes a long way. It doesn't take much of it to stop falling of the hair, make the hair grow, and restore color to gray hair. $1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

PAXTINE TOILET ANTISEPTIC

FOR WOMEN

A Boston physician's discovery which cleanses and heals all inflammation of the mucous membrane wherever located.

In local treatment of female ills Paxtine is invaluable. Used as a douche it is a revelation in cleansing and healing power; it kills all disease germs which cause inflammation and discharges.

Thousands of letters from women prove that it is the greatest cure for leucorrhœa ever discovered.

Paxtine never fails to cure pelvic catarrh, nasal catarrh, sore throat, sore mouth and sore eyes, because these diseases are all caused by inflammation of the mucous membrane.

For cleansing, whitening and preserving the teeth we challenge the world to produce its equal.

Physicians and specialists everywhere prescribe and endorse Paxtine, and thousands of testimonial letters prove its value.

At druggists, or sent postpaid 50 cts.

A large trial package and book of instructions absolutely free. Write

The R. Paxton Co., Dept. 25, Boston, Mass.

25 CTS PISO'S CURE FOR CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists. CONSUMPTION 25 CTS

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT

Collision on the Pere Marquette Near Grand Rapids, Mich.

HOLIDAY VISITORS THE VICTIMS

Crowded Cars Crashed Together at High Speed — Misunderstanding of Orders the Cause of a Disastrous Wreck in Michigan — Tracks Heaped With a Mass of Tangled Steel.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—An east-bound and a west-bound passenger train on the Pere Marquette Railroad met in a head-on collision six miles east of this city, just west of East Paris. Twenty-two persons lost their lives and thirty were injured.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system, and is charged to the high wind which extinguished the red signal light in the order board at McCord's Station, where the west-bound train was expected to stop and receive new orders.

The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a pile of broken and twisted timber and metal, with dead and injured pinned down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars. Five cars and two locomotives were jammed into a space ordinarily occupied by three coaches, and the wreckage was strewn across the railroad's right of way from fence to fence.

The two trains were running at full speed, and the engines were smashed to tangled bits of wreckage. The first cars were also demolished, and both trains left the track except the last coach on each, so great was the force of the collision.

The east-bound train for Detroit was a little late. The west-bound train from Detroit is supposed to be in Grand Rapids before the other leaves this city, but as the west-bound was late the east-bound was sent out before it arrived. The wreck is said to be due to a misunderstanding of orders.

The east-bound train was crowded with passengers when it left Grand Rapids. It carried scores of Christmas visitors, returning to their homes along the Pere Marquette Line, after spending the holiday here. The train was much heavier than usual on account of this extra rush. It is reported that the incoming train was also heavily loaded. It, too, bore a holiday crowd, as well as the regular Saturday rush of passengers.

As usual the smokers were damaged more than any of the other coaches, and in these cars every seat was occupied. Where the wreck took place there is a curve and a long grade extends from half a mile east of East Paris nearly to the scene of the wreck. The west-bound train had just descended this grade when the collision occurred. The speed of the train must have been very high because of the grade, and the fact that the train was trying to make up time.

The distance of the scene of the disaster from East Paris delayed the sending in of the first report to this city. The first news was meagre, but a rush call was sent out for doctors and a relief train was dispatched at once, a second train being made up to go out as soon as the relief train returned.

FIERCE WIND IN INDIANA.

Five-Story Building Blown Down in Washington.

Indianapolis, Ind.—A severe windstorm swept over Daviess, Pike, Jackson and other Southern Indiana counties and did great damage.

At Washington the five-story building of the Cincinnati Seating Company was blown down and twenty or thirty persons who had just left the building escaped injury from the flying debris only by fleeing to the protection of other houses. Houses were unroofed, smokestacks blown down and many barns and stables destroyed.

Petersburg, Pike County, was visited by the same wind, which was almost a hurricane, and much damage was done to property. Seymour, Jackson County, and a part of Johnson and Bartholomew counties had a storm, and telephone and telegraph poles were blown down.

CITIZENS FIGHT ROBBERS.

Bank in Indian Territory Loses $28,000 Through Thieves' Operations.

Fort Worth, Texas.—A bold bank robbery, attended by a desperate battle between a posse of citizens and robbers, occured at Kiowa, a small town sixteen miles south of this city. The robbers secured and destroyed about $28,000 which was in the bank.

The men gained entrance to the bank building through a rear window.

It required three discharges to force the door. The third explosion was terrific and almost demolished the safe, as well as the interior of the bank. Paper money was blown into shreds, large quantities of mutilated bills being left by the bandits. After looting the safe the robbers left the building from the front and backed off into the darkness, keeping up a fire on the posse.

Robbers Get Small Booty.

Robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to blow open and rob the vault of the Wakefield, Surry and Sussex Bank, at Wakefield, Va., on the Norfolk and Western Railroad. They succedeed in blowing open the front door of the vault, but their efforts to get through the inner door failed. All they got was about $6, which had been left in a drawer.

CLYDE LINER RUN DOWN

The Kiowa Sunk by the Admiral Dewey at Boston.

Steamer Goes to the Bottom After Collision in Blinding Snow Storm— Passengers All Saved.

Boston, Mass.—In a blinding snowstorm which swept Boston Harbor the new Clyde Line steamship Kiowa, inward bound from Jacksonville, Fla., and Charleston, S. C., was rammed and sunk by the steamship Admiral Dewey, of the United Fruit Company's line, outward bound for Port Antonio and Jamaica. A tug rescued Captain Chichester and the entire crew of the Kiowa, numbering thirty men, from the vessel before she went down. The Admiral Dewey sustained practically no damage, and after lying to for the purpose of assisting in the work of rescue in case of need, she proceeded on her voyage.

With several passengers and a big cargo of general freight, the Admiral Dewey sailed from Long Wharf. As navigation in the driving snowstorm was hazardous, the Admiral Dewey made her way out at reduced speed. As she was creeping along a few miles beyond Boston Light a vessel suddenly appeared through the murk, directly ahead and only a few feet away.

Before she could be stopped the Admiral Dewey struck the other vessel a powerful blow on the port side, just abaft the main rigging, the sharp bow of the fruiter cutting in for a considerable distance. The damaged craft, which proved to be the Kiowa, began to fill at once. The tug Cormorant was near enough to be of use, and her Captain ran alongside the Kiowa, and took off her master and crew. In the gale and sea which prevailed the work of rescue was not easy, and in attempting to make the leap from their own vessel to the tug some of the Kiowa's men fell into the water. They were pulled out by those on the Cormorant and were safely landed in the city. The Kiowa soon sank.

The Kiowa, which had a big cargo of lumber, cotton, naval stores, iron and general merchandise, was the latest addition to the Clyde Line fleet, having been built at Philadelphia early in the present year. She was 300 feet long and had twenty-two feet depth of hold, a net tonnage of 2254, and a gross tonnage of 2949. She was a steel, two-mausted, schooner-rigged vessel with three decks.

MOB LYNCHES A NEGRO.

He Had Shot and Killed a Deputy Marshal in Saucier, Miss.

New Orleans, La.—Jim Carr, a negro, who killed Deputy Marshal Cobb in Saucier, Hancock County, Miss., was lynched by a mob at Millview. Carr was disturbing the peace when the deputy marshal attempted to arrest him, whereupon Carr shot at Cobb, killing him instantly. The marshal of Saucier then fired, wounding the negro, who was then locked up in the town jail.

The marshal hurried the prisoner away in the night, intending to take him to the county jail at McHenry, which is safe against attacks, but was waylaid in the pine woods, and the prisoner taken from him and hanged.

MAYOR ACCUSED OF CORRUPTION

City Official Charged With Extortion and Maladministration.

Council Bluffs, Iowa.—Mayor Del G. Morgan has been cited to answer to a suit instituted in the District Court to oust him from office on a charge of corruption, maladministration in office, and of having a compact with gambling houses to afford them police protection. The suit is brought in the name of S. R. Wadsworth, an attorney.

There are four counts against the Mayor, as follows: Neglect of duty in failing to suppress gambling, extortion in forcing proprietors of gambling houses to pay $200 per month for police protection, entering into a compact with the gamblers and maladministration.

ENGLISH DERVISHES FIGHT.

The Enemy's Casualties Were Eighty Killed, One Hundred Wounded.

London, England.—The War Office has received a cable dispatch from Major-General Sir Charles Egerton, dated Kerrit, Somaliland, December 21, saying 700 British and native troops had surprised 2000 Dervishes at Jidballi, near Badwein.

The engagement lasted three hours. The enemy's casualties were eighty killed and 100 wounded. The British loss was two men killed, four wounded and one missing.

Three Perish in Sinking Scow.

Three men were drowned in Broad Sound, near Boston, by the sinking of the big dredging scow, General Poe. They are George W. Coombs, Government inspector; William O'Neill, a blacksmith, employed on the dredger, and T. Jones, a deckhand.

Confessed to Murder.

Frank Rose walked into the police station at Salt Lake City, Utah, and asked to be arrested, declaring that he had murdered his wife. Investigation proved that on Christmas Day Rose had shot his wife behind the right ear. Their home is within a block of the Court House.

Cruiser Dixie Sails.

The cruiser Dixie sailed from Philadelphia for Colon, Colombia, with 600 marines.

SISTERS OF CHARITY

Use Pe-ru-na for Coughs, Colds, Grip and Catarrh---A Congressman's Letter.

In every country of the civilized world Sisters of Charity are known. Not only do they minister to the spiritual and intellectual needs of the charges committed to their care, but they also minister to their bodily needs.

With so many children to take care of and to protect from climate and disease, these wise and prudent Sisters have found Peruna a never failing safeguard.

Dr. Hartman receives many letters from Catholic Sisters from all over the United States. A recommend recently received from a Catholic institution in Detroit, Mich., reads as follows:

Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio:

Dear Sir:—"The young girl who used the Peruna was suffering from laryngitis, and loss of voice. The result of the treatment was most satisfactory. She found great relief, and after further use of the medicine we hope to be able to say she is entirely cured."—Sisters of Charity

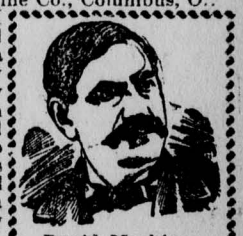
The young girl was under the care of the Sisters of Charity, and used Peruna for catarrh of the throat with good results, as the above letter testifies.

Send to The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio, for a free book written by Dr. Hartman.

The following letter is from Congressman Meekison, of Napoleon, Ohio:

The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.:

Gentlemen: "I have used several bottles of Peruna and feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head, and feel encouraged to believe that its continued use will fully eradicate a disease of thirty years' standing."—David Meekison.



David Meekison.

Dr. Hartman, one of the best known physicians and surgeons in the United States, was the first man to formulate Peruna. It was through his genius and perseverance that it was introduced to the medical profession of this country.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

Ask Your Druggist for a free Peruna Almanac for 1904.

BEST FOR THE BOWELS

Cascarets

CANDY CATHARTIC

GUARANTEED CURE for all bowel troubles, appendicitis, biliousness, bad breath, bad blood, wind on the stomach, bloated bowels, foul mouth, headache, indigestion, pimples, pains after eating, liver trouble, sallow skin and dizziness. When your bowels don't move regularly you are sick. Constipation kills more people than all other diseases together. It starts chronic ailments and long years of suffering. No matter what ails you, start taking CASCARETS today, for you will never get well and stay well until you get your bowels right. Take our advice, start with Cascarets today under absolute guarantee to cure or money refunded. The genuine tablet stamped C C C. Never sold in bulk. Sample and booklet free. Address Sterling Remedy Company, Chicago or New York. 502

Bromo-Seltzer

Promptly cures all

Headaches

PORTER'S

COUGH BALSAM

One dose a pleasure; ten a cure. (Sometimes five will do it)

MADAME ZADOC PORTER'S
SEVENTY YEARS A STANDARD

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY; gives quick relief and cures worst cases. Send for book of testimonials and 10 days' treatment Free. Dr. H. H. GREEN'S SONS, Atlanta, Ga.

KANSAS LAND

I want to buy land in Kansas owned by non-residents . . . .

Write to-day, giving legal description and price.

C. M. NIQUETTE, Osborne, Kansas

SILOS, LUMBER, BOXES, CRATES.

You cannot afford to do without a SILO. If you want one (or more), or need any lumber, timber, mill work to repair or build, or Boxes, or Crates, write

G. ELIAS & BRO., Buffalo, N. Y.,

and get the best for the least money, direct from the stump. Catalogues FREE. Silo agents wanted.

CAPSICUM VASELINE

(PUT UP IN COLLAPSIBLE TUBES)

A substitute for and superior to mustard or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The pain-allaying and curative qualities of this article are wonderful. It will stop the toothache at once, and relieve headache and sciatica. We recommend it as the best and safest external counter-irritant known, also as an external remedy for pains in the chest and stomach and all rheumatic, neuralgic and gouty complaints. A trial will prove what we claim for it, and it will be found to be invaluable in the household. Many people say "it is the best of all of your preparations." Price 15 cts., at all druggists or other dealers, or by sending this amount to us in postage stamps we will send you a tube by mail. No article should be accepted by the public unless the same carries our label, as otherwise it is not genuine. CHESEBROUGH MFG. CO., 17 State Street, NEW YORK CITY.

Afflicted with weak eyes, use Thompson's Eye Water

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 3—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—The kind of growth I need in 1904.—Eph. iv, 11-16.

The kind of growth I need in 1904 depends entirely upon the condition of my moral and spiritual character at the beginning of 1904. What God wants us each one to be is a symmetrical, well balanced, full rounded Christian. No Christian grace should be abnormally developed. No one should be given such prominence as to dwarf the others and give them no opportunity for growth. Each Christian grace is to be so normally developed that when they are all taken together they will present a perfect spiritual life, as when the members of the body are so evenly developed that in the aggregate they go to make up a perfect physical man. This being the aim, we must therefore grow in the graces in which we are deficient. The missing grace is to be added and the weak grace to be strengthened. Therefore to grow intelligently we must examine ourselves as to our needs so that they may be supplied. Do we lack love, then we should grow in love. Is our power to resist temptation weak, then that should be strengthened.

But the apostle lays special emphasis upon the fact that in the development of the perfect man in Christ particular stress needs to be laid upon certain virtues. In these things all should grow, and it is hardly imaginable that any of us has so far developed in them that further growth is impossible. Among these fundamental principles of Christian character stand faith, knowledge and love. Without faith it is impossible to please God, and that we may develop a Christian character that will be well pleasing in His sight faith must more and more become a part of our lives. Growth in knowledge is also essential to symmetrical Christian development. "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," says the Apostle Peter. Knowledge is not virtue. A man may know, yet not do. But knowledge is essential to growth. We cannot believe until we know what God would have us believe; we cannot love until we know whom God would have us love; we cannot do until we know what God would have us do. Growth in knowledge is most essential, therefore, to perfect development. And all growth is in love. Love is the basis as well as the crown of all the Christian graces. "Rooted and grounded in love," we are to come "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

God recognizes our need of growth and has provided for it. His Holy Spirit has endowed certain of His people with special powers of religious leadership. He has given us apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers "for the perfecting of the saints." Let us under the direction of the Holy Spirit Himself and His inspired teachers strive to grow nearer and nearer to the goal of perfect manhood set before us throughout this entire year.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. i, 1-6; xcii, 12-15; Hos. xiv, 5, 6; Matt. v, 48; vi, 33, 34; vii, 12; Phil. iii, 12-14; Eph. iii, 14-21; Heb. xii, 1, 2; II Pet. iii, 18; Rev. ii, 10.

Better Than a plaster.

A peice of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side or chest. Pain balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by J. G. Gillam; James O Heaton, Cassville.

D. E. M'Clain
SALTILLO, PA.

Has and carries a very large and extensive line of well-selected and cash-bought goods consisting of

General Hardware

of all kinds, Cook Stoves, Ranges and Heating Stoves, Single and Double Breech-loading Guns and Shells, Paints, Oils, Harness, Whips Robes and Tinware.

FURNITURE

Chamber Suits, Sideboards, Couches, Iron and Brass Bedsteads, Springs of several good makes, Mattresses, Kitchen, Dining and Parlor Chairs and Rockers, Extension Tables, excellent makes and very low in price. Also the FAMOUS 1900 WASHING MACHINE, Parlor Organs and Sewing Machines, Carpet and Wall Paper.

☞ I also have a furniture store in Mount Union, Pa., in care of Geo. R. Smawley who will be glad to furnish anything in the House furnishing line at competing low prices.

We are prepared to sell as close as any dealer in the county and solicit a share and continuance of your patronage.

D. E. M'CLAIN.

Nothing has ever equalled it.
Nothing can ever surpass it.

Dr. King's New Discovery

For CONSUMPTION COUGHS and COLDS — Price 50c & $1.00

A Perfect Cure: For All Throat and Lung Troubles.

Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles free.

SHAPIRO BROS., Mapleton.

We Answer the New Year's Question and Deliver the Gifts.

MAKE YOUR HEADQUARTERS AT

SHAPIRO BROTHERS'

—FOR—

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS!

Let Us Help You Select Gifts Worthy of the Name.

Think of walking into this great store and being able to pick out, without vexatious delay, just the article you want at just the price you care to pay. Our almost limitless assortment assures you this. There is not another such store in the county. The best of all gifts are for sale here in hundreds of different ways. A visit to this store will answer the puzzling question no troubling so many people, WILL ANSWER IT QUICKLY AND SATISFACTORILY, both as to the articles and price. We deliver the gifts whenever you say and will carefully attach your card if desired. Here is a list of suggestions showing the valuable articles at the lowest prices. Remember there are hundreds of different styles of each article and at different prices.

Gift Hints in Furs!

Sable scarfs finished with fox tails, chain fastening.

Gift Price, $1.00

Black Martin in Isabella shade, with ornaments and fox tails. An appreciated present and at a low

Gift Price, $2.00

A NICE LINE TO SELECT FROM.

Rugs Make a Suitable Gift

We bought at a big saving, a manufacturer's

High Grade Rugs

in assorted fancy lots. Some of the lots are not large. Early choosers of course get best choice.

They will sell fast while here. Yours for choice price up

From 75c

How 'Bout Gloves?

They're Always Acceptable.

Our Kid Gloves for Men and Women are in a splendid condition for Gift buyers. Enormous assortments of all famous makes.

All Gloves Put Up Very Neatly.

Prices up from 50c.

Our line of Gloves and Mittens for children is the most complete in town.

Handkerchiefs for All.

Well, it will keep us busy to handle all the Handkerchief business this month. Might just own up to it, and ask you to make selection now.

Women's linen handkerchiefs 5c Lace trimmed 10c, embroidered or lace trimmed, in dainty patterns, 12½c. Silk handkerchiefs, mufflers, some with initials, others with fancy borders. Prices up from 25 cents.

WOMEN'S DRESS GOODS AND SILKS!

Never was a time when Broadcloth was so popular as now. We are equipped for the holiday season with a complete line of the finest Domestic Cloths. We call your attention to holiday prices.

Prettiest Dress Goods.

Fine black cheviot and French whip cords made of purest grade wool, especially goods black, a nice weight for the jacket suit or skirt.

Our best 75c value for.....**48c**

Prettiest Broadcloth.

A very special offer of fine Broadcloth Venetian, pure wool and superb rich colors, regular $1.25 value.

New Year Sale price.....**95c**

Novelty Silks.

A lot of novelty silks for waists or suit purpose. A grade that regularly sells for much more than we now offer it.

Special New Year price.....**45c**

Women's Stylish Coats.

Don't imagine that the prices named below are the usual ones for such splendid coats. You'll not find equal garments for the money anywhere outside of this store.

$3.48 stylish box coat with cape, all wool Kersey.

$5.98 jaunty loose box coat with cape, all wool Kersey, velvet stock collar, full style sleeves and guaranteed lining.

Dress and Walking Skirts.

Walking skirts that will come in handy for New Year shopping tours, comes in fancy mixtures and at very low prices, up from..$1.00

Graceful Dress Skirts of handsome black and mixtures trimmed with handsome bands. A nice line to select from. Special price, $2.00

Umbrellas for New Years.

Just in time for the holiday trade we secured the sample lots of two of the largest umbrella firms, under conditions which enables us to offer the most extraordinary values ever given.

The Umbrellas are suitable for both men and women. Most all are covered with silk and the handles are works of art. This is the chance of chances for buyers of New Years' gifts.....$1.00

Men's High Grade Suits.

Men's cheviots suits $4.99
Men's brown fancy mixed ... 6.50
Men's gray mixed with small plaids finished with satin linings 8.25

Give the Boy a New Suit.

Boys' stylish suits 99c
Boys' Norfolk suits.....$1.25
Boys' all-wool double breast . 2.00
Boys' overcoats 2.00
Made of ffne high grade goods.

Men's Overcoats.

Kersey and Broadcloth $5.00
Meltons 6.50
There is nothing better shown or better made than the coats we sell for... .....10.00

Holiday Sale of Furniture.

Fancy Morris chairs.....$5.50
Writing desks.....5.00
Fancy parlor rockers 2.00
Extra fancy couches.....4.00
A chiffonier oak finished with beveled oval glass, only...10.00

Holiday Styles in Headwear.

Men's and boys' stylish hats in new shapes, bound to be favorites among dressers at.....$1.00.

MEN'S HOLIDAY NECKWEAR.

A matchless line of handsome neckwear, English square, four-in-hand, puffs, bows and club ties. Every scarf is a bright new idea, selected specially for the holiday trade. Price 25c.

Holiday Sale of Shoes.

Our $2.00 Shoe and others we show as good as our $2 special cannot be bought elsewhere under $1 more. They are made of patent colt skin, box calf and vici kid, and are satisfactory shoes from every point of view.

Holiday Slippers attractively priced.

Women's Felt Juliets $1.00
Men's Felt Slippers.....50c

Superb Holiday Stocks of Clothing.

Our line of Men's suits and overcoats, mirrors the very latest fashions and contains quality that is seldom seen anywhere else for such prices. It's a pleasure to choose from large variety. Here you have very broad choice, fully three times the variety shown elsewhere. All the latest and choicest patterns in suits and overcoats are embraced. We are very proud of our line of suits and overcoats and every sale means a permanent customer. No matter what size or proportion you may be sure we can fit you.

Special Sale of Men's Underwear.

You can depend upon it that our heavy ribbed shirts and drawers, soft fleece lining, just the thing for men who cannot wear wool, perfect form fitting garments all sizes.

Sale price.....37½c

We have other grades of Underwear.

AT THIS SEASON

Everybody is giving some thought to the buying of presents for relatives or friends. When you visit our store you'll be sure of securing the nicest gifts for the lowest prices. Remember we did not mention our line of Blankets, Comforts, Fancy Spreads and Quilts, but

WE GUARANTEE A SAVING OF 25 TO 35 PER CENT.

We don't let no merchant undersell us, but we sell cheaper than others. We also carry the most complete line of Groceries in town.

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO. COUNTRY PRODUCTS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE.

Shapiro Brothers,

Stores at: ORBISONIA, MOUNT UNION, MAPLETON.